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I urge you to deny the water permit, and any other pending permits, for the Millenium Bulk Terminal, currently considered for the Columbia River region.

My experience with this issue is quite personal:

I grew up in western Pennsylvania and witnessed the fine particulates that would coat the homes of people in the region. Being located as much as 40 miles from the Pittsburgh blast furnaces was enough to pollute the air with coal dust.

In my career in pediatric pathology, I also had the unfortunate experience of studying the lungs of children in the western PA region. As early as four or so years, they had tiny black dots, representative as coal deposits, in their young lungs.

We do not want this for our population.

Please use your administrative abilities and common sense to protect the people of western Washington.

Thank you.

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