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I urge Ecology to protect water quality in the Columbia River and countless streams and rivers that would be harmed by Millennium's coal trains. Ecology has received unprecedented expert testimony from Tribes, state and federal agencies, impacted communities, and the people of the Pacific Northwest to deny Millennium's proposal. Based on this record, we urge Ecology to deny the 401 certification.

Ecology must deny the 401 certification because Millennium's project would violate Washington State's water quality standards, harm designated uses and drinking water, and contravene the state's Antidegradation Policy.

The project also flies in the face of our region's commitment to combat the devastating impacts of climate change. Millennium's oversized ambitions to rebrand the Pacific Northwest the coal export capital of the United States conflict with the public interest in thriving local economies, clean water, clean energy, and healthy communities.

Thank you,  
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