

Thomas Gordon

Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview, LLC; NWS-2010-1225; Second Public Comment on Clean Water Act 401 Certification

Dear Maia Bellon and Sally Toteff:

Millennium's project fails to comply with Washington's Antidegradation Policy. WAC 173-201A-300.

The Columbia River at the Millennium Longview Terminal site would not only suffer the degradation of the old pilings being torn up and the resultant sediment and pollution being transported downstream, but also several other sources of degradation.

In respect to coal dust alone, the transport of coal down the Columbia River by rail would result in coal dust being blown off and the rain solution of coal dust entering the river. No doubt some would gravitate to the bottom of the length of the Columbia River, but also some would settle around Longview. Coal dust contains arsenic and mercury, to name only a few of the contaminants. Also, the piles of coal would contribute to the load of coal dust by way of wind and rain. One solution being proposed is the use of surfactants to hold the dust down, but there have been no studies I am aware of to determine the effect of these surfactants on salmon and other aquatic life. Or people.

Please deny this permit.

Thank You, Tom Gordon