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As a retired public health nurse, I urge you to deny the 401 Certification because of the harmful effects it will have on the human health. Coal which is composed of numerous toxic substances has been documented to fall from trains and end up in the Columbia River. The polluted water and the seafood present in that water will be harmful to all humans, but especially children, vulnerable individuals and those who rely on this as a source of food and their livelihood.

On a secondary note, I urge you to stop this project from moving forward because of the effects that burning coal will have on the climate and health. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Public Health Association (APHA) and numerous other health and medical professional organizations agree that climate change is a threat to the public's health. In fact, APHA has declared that 2017 is the Year of Climate Change and Health. The APHA Executive Director Georges Benjamin has stated that "We're committed to making sure the nation knows about the effects of climate change on health. If anyone doesn't think this is a severe problem, they are fooling themselves."

And on a personal level, I want to leave this place a better place for my grandchildren and all children who do not yet have a voice to express concerns about their future.

Therefore, I urge you to deny Millenium's Clean Water Action Section 401 water quality certification.