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As a resident of Richland, Washington, and a person who believes that how we preserve our environment for future generations should be our first priority, I strongly oppose the Millenium Bulk proposal for a coal terminal in Longview, Washington.

This goes against our governor's statement of support for the Paris agreement on climate change, as well as damaging our clean air and water quality. My father had an axiom that "actions speak louder than words". I think this is a place where we put our beliefs and our words to the test. We must say "NO" for the sake of our children and our grandchildren. Enough is enough.

I lived for a time in a house heated by coal and had to dust off the windowsills daily from the grime created by the coal dust. We can see what it does at close quarters, so we must recognize the broader implications for our environment.

When will we learn to say "NO" and to leave it in the ground?