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# Environmental Impact Statement Proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal/Custer Spur

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- Vessel
- Rail
- Industrial site
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- Noise
- Air quality
- Human health
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- Other human environment topic

*Economy*

#### Natural environment

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Human environment: The quality of life for residents of Whatcom County would be diminished substantially if this project came to fruition. 1) Health: The pollution resulting from the exhaust and coal dust would ~~can~~ cause and exacerbate health problems, including respiratory ailments. Additionally, degradation of the water and land would ~~not~~ expose us to toxins. We can't know the effects of increased exposure to toxins until it's too late.

2) Noise - Studies show ~~that~~ an increased incidence of fatal <sup>injury</sup> accidents in areas where residents are routinely deprived of uninterrupted sleep at night. This is a result of constant 24x7 train whistles.

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3) Traffic: Not only would everyday life as we know it be destroyed by our inability ~~to~~ to cross the tracks, more importantly emergency vehicles would be delayed, adding a real cost in human lives.



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2) Economy: The costs that we residents of Whatcom County would bear related to this project are <sup>substantial</sup> ~~substantial~~ and would not be reimbursed.

~~But~~ The amount of money the applicant is investing into advancing and promoting this project indicates that they expect to reap huge profits from it themselves.

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We can't afford to have our lives and communities destroyed to increase profits for the applicant!



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Natural environment: The extent of environmental degradation that would result from this project is substantial. It is important to bear in mind that much environmental degradation is irreversible. 1) Land: Transporting and storing large quantities of coal would destroy valuable land, including wetlands and forest. Western Washington already has a significant problem with stormwater runoff, due to loss of permeable, unaltered land. Not only would the land be re-purposed, the toxins in the coal would degrade soil, vegetation and wildlife in the surrounding areas. 2) Air: Both the exhaust from the trains and the coal dust would pollute the air. 3) Marine habitat: The scale of the marine environment threatens important

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(marine - cont'd): life and habitats. Additionally, the number of ships traveling through the Strait of Georgia would pose a substantial hazard in terms of pollution and the risk of accidents.



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