

I am a Seattle native of more than half a century. I have chosen to stay in the Pacific Northwest because of its natural beauty and cultural opportunities. Most of my extended family lives in the Puget Sound corridor. I am very concerned about the negative impact of the coal trains will have on the quality of life for my family, friends, neighbors and myself. I am specifically concerned about air quality and the effect of increased diesel emissions and wind born coal dust on the environment all along the rail route and at the Cherry Point terminal.

Please study the potential adverse impacts of increased diesel emissions and wind boarn coal dust on the environment all along the rail route and at the Cherry Point terminal. Coal dust has significant dangers to humans and all living creatures what is going proposed to mitigate its effects? Who will pick up the potential increased health costs and environmental costs? Please study the projected health impact of wind born coal dust. What are the potential adverse effects of increased diesel emissions from idling trains and idling cars waiting for trains to pass?

If there are measurable health consequences of exposure to increased diesel emissions and coal particulates please include and analysis of the increased health care costs and who will bear the costs, directly or indirectly. Please study the cumulative impact on health all along the coal train route and specifically in towns and cities the trains must pass through?

I don't know if this question is within the scope of the EIS process but the following two pictures were taken in the daytime in Beijing. Can we quantify the morality of contributing to this horrible air pollution? Does that air stay in Beijing? No it does not. This *is* our backyard. This should be a topic of study and discussion before a decision is made to allow coal trains to travel to Cherry Point. Please study the potential adverse impact of increased coal production globally. What happens to the air quality in China effects our lives here in the United States. We are not isolated from the air stream. China's air quality is our air quality. Please study the adverse impacts on global weather, air quality and health for the continued unregulated coal burning in China and it's effects on the United States.





Thank you for your time and consideration. Please study the potential adverse impact on air quality from both wind-borne coal dust from the trains and terminal as well as increase diesel emissions specifically on health and its subsequent costs both direct and indirect. Please include if possible, a study on the impact of air quality in China and its effect on global weather, health, and economics. Air quality is not a local issue but a global one.

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