

It takes something pretty **extraordinary** to pull together this many people from different walks of life. And this proposed terminal is extraordinary. It is an extraordinarily BAD idea.

Hi, my name is **Katelyn Kinn** and I manage legal affairs for an organization called **Puget Soundkeeper Alliance**. I am speaking today as a private citizen because I really care about this issue. Puget Soundkeeper will submit comments on behalf of the organization in the coming weeks.

The environmental impact statement for this facility matters to everyone in this room. It matters to me as someone who loves the Puget Sound region. It also matters to people in Montana and Wyoming (Powder River Basin) where the coal is stripped from landscape. It also matters to people in China, Bangladesh and India where the coal is headed and will be burned. Poised to become North America's largest coal export facility, the reach of this project is global. I urge the hearing officers to recognize that **these impacts are not only local, they are multi-state and multi-national**.

It matters to us here in Seattle because the coal will be sprayed over our communities twice:

1. When it comes flying through our backyards in open top rail cars
2. After being burned in China, when it returns in the form of toxic air pollution, contaminated food, and polluted water.

As a Seattle resident, I care about what will happen to my home if there are 18 trains a day coming through this city and sputtering dust and coal over our communities, onto bridges, parks, roads, bike paths, onto our beaches and into our waterways. Studies sponsored by the corporations pushing for coal export admit that each rail car will lose at least 500 pounds of coal. And it may be as much as a ton. I know that every time that I look for it, I find coal and coal byproducts on public property surrounding and beneath the train tracks carrying these coal trains. It is a fact that coal is flying off these trains and left behind in our communities. It is crazy to me that we allow this, and unbelievable that we are considering expanding these practices.

But the impacts of this proposed terminal are global. This is so much bigger than me and my concern for Puget Sound. When we think about expanding coal export here in Puget Sound, we necessarily must think about how this decision impacts our consumption of fossil fuels globally. It is our responsibility as a nation to address fossil fuel emissions that have gotten us into the climate change mess. As a long time global economic leader and industrial innovator, the US is

both well-equipped and ethically responsible for showing leadership in the reduction of fossil fuel consumption. Expanding coal export would be a step in the wrong direction.

I ask you to please recognize how far reaching the impacts of this proposed terminal would be and conduct a proper environmental impact analysis that fully quantifies these global impacts.