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Re: GPT Scoping

To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen of Bellingham, Whatcom County, Washington, I have enjoyed a lifetime of quality air. There have been periods of air pollution due to the burning of fossil fuels, but due to our diligence in our community, this type of pollution has been reduced to a minimum with restrictions on such use.

Just this morning I read with huge concern of the “Beyond index smog”\* in Beijing, China, their air-quality index levels being reported as high as 500+ this past Saturday. We consider levels “above 150 as unhealthy” [\*Seattle Times, pg A2, 1/15/13]. This raises a recurring question in my mind---how soon will the blow-back from China’s pollution affect us on the West Coast? In addition, what is our moral obligation to the world by providing coal to a country that is already engulfed by pollutants?

I would suggest that the environmental impact assessment include the questions of Blow-back air pollution and moral obligations as stated above. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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