



My name is Paula Rotondi. I am one of the several thousand people who live within five miles of Cherry Point. This photo shows the Westshore coal terminal which is five miles from Pt. Roberts. People in Pt. Roberts say coal dust coats their homes, yards, and patio furniture. The Pt. Roberts marina manager reports losing business because coal dust constantly blackens boats moored in the marina.

A 2001 Canadian study found that every year more than one and a half million pounds of coal dust escape into the air from Westshore. GPT would be twice as big as Westshore and use the same dust control techniques on its uncovered coal stockpiles as used by Westshore and other coal terminals. The evidence from all shows they cannot prevent coal dust from escaping from massive uncovered coal stockpiles.

Every year more than 3 million pounds of coal dust would escape from GPT's uncovered stockpiles and the wind would blow it for miles in every direction where thousands of us live and many thousands more come to work and vacation.

Coal dust is filthy and toxic; it contains lead, mercury and arsenic. 205 Whatcom County doctors say there is no safe level of exposure to the toxins in coal dust.

Please study cumulative impacts of GPT coal dust on air, land and water quality and on the health of people, marine life and all natural resources for as far as air and water could carry it. Please study impacts of coal dust on existing jobs and businesses especially farming, commercial fishing, and tourism. GPT's uncovered coal stockpiles would be one mile from BP Cherry Point Refinery. Please study impacts of accumulating coal dust to safety of operations at BP Refinery and on BP's 850 full time employees.

Please study these impacts as though YOU and YOUR loved ones lived within five miles of Cherry Point.

Thank-you.