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To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Siting of Coal and Oil Export Terminals

Dear Mr. Posner and Facility Site Evaluation Council,

As a concerned citizen, I feel that I should assist you in reaching a decision on the siting of coal and oil export terminals along our State's western waterways.

A long time citizen of Western Washington, I have seen the small towns on the Coast and along the Washington shore of the Columbia, sag sadly from their prosperous past. No longer is the export of lumber and grain requiring the manpower it once utilized. Gone are the tepee burners and the sawmills. Even the plywood mills have declined in number.

This last Chinook salmon run was a life saver for the fishing industry, but it isn't what it used to be. The region relies heavily on tourism, but that is seasonal and subject to ups and downs of the economic cycle.

I strongly favor the siting of a rail-head for oil export in the Port of Vancouver. The Port needs the business and the jobs it will bring. By 2015 we will surpass the Russians in the production of crude oil and be almost energy independent. The Baaken oil production needs an outlet and by rail to Vancouver is the way to get it to market safely.

I grew up in Montana and know of the rich coal deposits that yearn for an eager world market. The energy is needed so that other nations can reach a prosperous economy. I strongly favor the reuse/revitalization of the Longview port for the export of coal from the mines of the West.

Yes, we are blessed, but we can't only make Boeing's aircraft, we need to have our Washington ports again become vital, prosperous, and valued economic assets.

Please approve the siting of the oil and coal depots in Vancouver and Longview.

Thank you..

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