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Form Letter Plus Text	<p>And recent train derailments and accidents should be enough to clarify that this is a bad transportation risk. But moreover, burning of fossil fuels is only accelerating global climate change, which will be catastrophic (beyond that we've already seen with hurricanes, tornados, droughts, floods and fires), and irreversible. Surely the profit motive should take a back seat to issues of environmental and climate sustainability.</p>	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	<p>As a child I grew up in coal mining towns and so I am very aware of the dust and other contaminants that are associated with coal. We used to hitch rides on coal cars and I can assure you that there is lots of dust and small chips that fly off of those cars. I do not want those cars traveling through Vancouver on their way to Longview. If I lived in the Longview area I would be even more concerned about all of that pollution. If I lived downriver or fished the Columbia I would also be extremely concerned about the pollution that will, not might but will, get into the river.</p>	Form A

Form Letter Plus Text	As a voter who is concerned about health and environmental issues, Although it is lacking in some areas, this draft is a strong first start. It should provide the basis for strong recommendations from the HIA Steering Committee to prevent construction of the MBTL projec, thereby forever protecting the health of communities from the dangers of coal mining, transport, storage and export. The section on impacts from 16 trains passing through at-grade crossings in Cowlitz County each day and related health impacts caused by delayed emergency response time is sorely lacking. If the section were to be improved by the addition of relevant information, it would at least help inform the municipalities along the transportation corridor of potential impacts to their residents and emergency services.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	BOTTOM LINE, FOSSIL FUELS = DEATH. THEREFORE, ALL WHO CONTINUE THEIR MADNESS ARE GUILTY OF MURDER!	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	Coal is the past. Clean energy is the future.	Form A
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Form Letter Plus Text	From a global perspective, we need to be promoting clean energy, not reviving industries that we are well rid of.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	I am commenting on the draft HIA for the Millennium (MBTL) coal export project. This draft would be strengthened by including the strong recommendations from the HIA Steering Committee to prevent construction of the MBTL project and forever protect the health of communities from the dangers of coal mining, transport, storage and export. Also it is important to protect the health and safety of Cowlitz County residents from future projects that endanger human health and our climate. A comparison of the current health status of residents of Longview (and neighborhoods of Highlands, Lexington, and St. Helens) with other cities in Washington showed discrepancies. Residents in coal transport areas seem to suffer increased health risks such as mortality rates from respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. These neighborhoods should not become a "sacrifice zone" for coal export that benefits the corporations and investors that back them. The draft shows the proposed project will have huge impacts: Information included in these comments comes from research provided by Power Past Coal, a group whose mission I support. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.	Form A

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Form Letter Plus Text	I am no longer a citizen of Washington State. I lived in Washington for 36 years, Spokane for 17 years, Everett for 10 years and Bellingham for 9 years. I will always call Washington my home. Though raised in Texas and now in North Carolina, the beauty of Washington State, the vibrant communities and the progressive thinking that the state supports and encourages are things I miss. Please do not let a dying industry tear a wound in the state. Not only the southeast corner, but the entire southern border of the state. For the health, welfare and beauty of the State say no.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	I do not want this in my backyard!	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	I have spent a long career working on the public health effects of exposure to air contaminants including coal and its combustion products, and am clear that these risks should be avoided.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	It is time for Washington State to look to the future in energy and environmental matters. It is time to walk away from coal.	Form A
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Form Letter Plus Text	Let's work towards a sustainable future!	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	Make your grandchildren proud of you !	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	On top of this, we need to realize that the significance of the draft HIA is limited due to the severely constrained geographic scope of the study area. Having considered all the above, I ask that the HIA Steering Committee recognize and affirm that the unavoidable, significant, and adverse impacts identified in the FEIS and by the Cowlitz County Hearings Officer cannot be mitigated and that the MBTL project should be rejected. Isn't it true that we must prevent what we cannot cure?	Form A

Form Letter Plus Text	PEOPLE'S HEALTH SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY!!!	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	Please consider what Whatcom County has already accomplished in a similar situation.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	PLEASE DO NOT KILL U.S. ! PLEASE !	Form A
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Form Letter Plus Text	Thank you very much for consideration of these comments.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	There are other viable and far less dangerous alternatives to burning coal.	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	These are my feelings exactly!	Form A

Form Letter Plus Text	<p>This draft is a strong first start, but I hope several important elements are included in its revision. Please, revise this draft to include the basis provided by the HIA Steering Committee for its strong recommendations to prevent construction of the MBTL project - namely that the health of communities must be forever protected from the dangers of coal mining, transport, storage and export. These statements can also be a tool to protect the health and safety of Cowlitz County residents from future projects that endanger human health and our climate. Upon reading the information which showed the current health status of residents of Longview (and neighborhoods of Highlands, Lexington, and St. Helens) compared to other cities in Washington, I was appalled at the statistics. No neighborhood should become a "sacrifice zone" to benefit corporate interests. Finally, the draft HIA is limited due to the severely constrained geographic scope of the study area. The section on impacts from 16 trains passing through at-grade crossings in Cowlitz County each day and related health impacts due to delayed emergency response time needs to be expanded, and improved to the point that it will at the very least help inform the municipalities along the transportation corridor of potential impacts to their residents and emergency services. Please recognize and affirm that the unavoidable, significant, and adverse impacts identified in the FEIS and by the Cowlitz County Hearings Officer cannot be mitigated. The HIA Steering Committee must make it clear that the MBTL project should be rejected. Thank you.</p>	Form A
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Form Letter Plus Text	<p>Trump seems to be the only person on this planet that thinks coal is good for our country, or employees, who would be better served to be taught environmentally safer employment. Better for their health, better wages, better for our environment & better for our country.</p>	Form A
Form Letter Plus Text	<p>We can prevent these adverse affects by denying this project.</p>	Form A

