

Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview Health Impact Assessment Steering Committee Meeting Summary November 28, 2016

INTRODUCTION

The Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview (MBTL) Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Steering Committee (Committee) met on Monday, November 28, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Cowlitz County Training Center (The Boat House).

The following members of the Committee were in attendance. Eleven members of the public also attended.

- Neil Agren, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue
- Stella Anderson, RN, Resident
- Octavio Camba, Lower Columbia College
- Sandra Davis, Resident
- Bryce Divine, Longview Commercial Fishing
- Gary Fredricks, Washington State University Extension Longview, Co-Chair
- Bob Little, Highlands Neighborhood, Co-Chair
- Mary Jane Melink, Councilmember, City of Longview, and The Health Care Foundation, Co-Chair
- Kathleen Patton, Faith Community
- Mike Wallin, Councilmember, City of Longview

The following Committee members were unable to attend this meeting.

- Dian Cooper, Family Health Center
- Steve Kutz, RN, MPH, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Jason Lundquist, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 21
- Ted Sprague, Cowlitz Economic Development Council

The following participants from Cowlitz County and the Washington State Department of Health (HIA co-lead agencies) also attended.

- Rad Cunningham, Epidemiologist, Washington State Department of Health, Healthy Community Design
- Nick Fazio, Assistant Long Range Planner, Cowlitz County Department of Building & Planning
- Michael O'Neill, Healthy Communities Lead, Cowlitz County Health & Human Services
- Jennifer Vines, MD, Cowlitz County Health Officer, Cowlitz County Health & Human Services

The following persons also attended.

- Linda Amato, AICP, ICF, Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview NEPA/SEPA EIS Project Manager
- Julie Fox, Environmental Epidemiology Section, Outdoor Air Quality, Washington State Department of Health

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fazio welcomed everyone and reviewed the ground rules for the meeting, reminding attendees it was a Committee work session. He noted that members of the public could observe and provide comments during the 15-minute comment period at the end of the meeting or submit written comments on the comment forms provided.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the agenda. Ms. Davis brought up a concern that a topic she submitted to Mr. Fazio had not been included on the agenda. Mr. Fazio explained that he and the co-chairs thought the agenda was full and wanted the Committee to discuss her presentation during a future Committee meeting.

Ms. Patton suggested Committee members be permitted to share evidence-based material via email, followed by a 3-minute summary presentation. The Committee concurred. Mr. Fazio will send Ms. Davis's document out to the Committee and include her presentation on the December 12 agenda. In the future, Committee members wishing to be included on the agenda will send Mr. Fazio a request, and he will share it with the co-chairs for their approval.

The Committee reviewed and approved the November 14, 2016 meeting summary. The meeting summary is available on the HIA website: <http://www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov/hia-documentation.html>.

The Committee discussed and approved an additional meeting to be held December 19, 2016.

PRESENTATION ON THE EIS PROCESS: LINDA AMATO, ICF, MILLENNIUM BULK TERMINALS-LONGVIEW NEPA/SEPA EIS PROJECT MANAGER

Ms. Amato provided a presentation (Attachment A) clarifying the relationship between ICF Cowlitz County and its co-lead agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Washington State Department of Ecology), and Millennium, LLC. Following the presentation, Ms. Patton asked what ICF and AICP stood for. Ms. Amato responded that ICF is not an acronym; it is the name of the environmental consulting firm for whom she works. AICP is an acronym for the American Institute of Certified Planners.

PRESENTATION ON AIR QUALITY: JULIE FOX, ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY SECTION, OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Ms. Fox presented on air quality and, more specifically, on the health effects associated with diesel exhaust and coal dust, in both coal mines (which does not pertain to the Millennium project) and in rail cars. (Attachment B). The following questions and discussion followed the presentation.

- Dr. Vines asked for clarification of the statement, “There is no personal exposure limit for coal dust.” Ms. Fox confirmed that a personal exposure limit for coal dust has not been established for environmental coal exposure versus coal mine particulates (which is governed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration [OSHA]).
- Mr. Divine commented there are other metals of concern in coal, such as arsenic and mercury. He asked if there is a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for the surfactant used on coal. Ms. Fox replied that she would follow up regarding the MSDS. Ms. Amato confirmed this information is located in the SEPA EIS.
- Ms. Patton asked if coal dust in the air settles. Ms. Fox replied that, while it decays, many different factors, such as weather, can alter that process. Ms. Amato confirmed some of this information is located in the SEPA EIS.
- Ms. Davis asked if coal dust particles cause acid rain. Ms. Fox was uncertain.
- Ms. Melink asked if there are air monitors in Cowlitz County. Ms. Fox responded that there are air monitors in the County that can be viewed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/enwiwa>.
- Dr. Vines asked if the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are health-based. Ms. Fox replied that the primary standards are health-based.

PRESENTATION ON COWLITZ COUNTY BASELINE HEALTH: DR. JENNIFER VINES, COWLITZ COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, COWLITZ COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dr. Vines presented an overview of current health conditions in Cowlitz County (Attachment C). Following her presentation, Ms. Melink asked what percentage of the population of Cowlitz County lives in the mapped area of opportunity on slide 6. Mr. O’Neill responded the map shows a combination of census tracts from Longview and Kelso. He estimated that roughly 20,000 people live there. He will confirm this number and respond with an accurate answer.

WORKSHOP

The Committee broke into two work groups, and Mr. O’Neill and Mr. Fazio led the groups in a review and further discussion of health questions summarized from the November 14 Steering Committee meeting. The outcomes of the workshop are included in Attachment D. From this organized list, specific questions will be generated for Mr. Cunningham to research.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting attendees gave five oral comments at the end of the meeting during the public comment period; Attachment E includes a transcript of each comment. Additional written comments submitted by the public are also included in Attachment E.

ACTION ITEMS

At the close of the meeting, the County and state representatives agreed to do the following.

- Post the following item to the HIA website:
 - Summary of the November 14 Steering Committee meeting
- Distribute Ms. Davis's report and include a 3-minute time period on the December 12 Steering Committee meeting agenda for her to give her presentation.
- Provide an MSDS for the surfactant used on coal, if available.
- Confirm the population total of the area indicated on slide 6 of Dr. Vines's presentation.
- Use the outcomes of today's workshop to organize HIA topics and identify questions to be researched for the HIA.
- Schedule presenters for the upcoming December 12 Steering Committee meeting.

Committee members were asked to complete the following before the December 12, Steering Committee meeting.

- Review the draft summary of today's Steering Committee meeting (November 28).

In addition, the Committee co-chairs will coordinate with Mr. Fazio to create the agenda for the December 12 meeting.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Monday, December 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Cowlitz County Training Center (The Boat House)
- Monday, December 19, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Cowlitz County Training Center (The Boat House)

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: EIS Process Presentation

Attachment B: Air Quality Presentation

Attachment C: Cowlitz County Baseline Health Presentation

Attachment D: Draft Research Questions

Attachment E: Public Comments