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Health Impact Assessment Process to Continue Through Final Report

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The Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Steering Committee, considering the health impacts of the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals coal export terminal has decided to move forward with completion of the HIA process, including issuance of a final report. The HIA Team, comprised of staff from Cowlitz County Departments of Health, Building and Planning and the State Department of Health, had previously recommended concluding the project short of a final report based on the current uncertainty of the proposed project. During the meeting, members of the HIA Steering Committee and members of the public expressed concern about stopping the HIA prior to releasing the final report.

The HIA Steering Committee and HIA Team will meet in early May to address process concerns. Also during that meeting the Steering Committee will be confirming their direction to the HIA Team prior to completion of the draft final HIA report. There will be a final workshop during the early summer to review the draft final and to complete any recommendations that the Steering Committee may have.

All materials generated during the HIA process as well as the public comments received to the draft HIA report are available through the Cowlitz County website at

<http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=2329>

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