

Milwaukie Community Forum against Coal Export

What are the risks if the largest coal companies in the world transformed the Northwest into a dirty energy corridor to supply US coal to Asian markets? Coal companies propose to bring over 150 million tons of coal annually through the Columbia River Gorge to ports in Coos Bay, St. Helens, Boardman, Bellingham, and Longview.

Milwaukie is now at risk of becoming a dirty coal train town. A coal export proposal in Coos Bay, OR would bring up to four 1.5 mile-long coal trains through Milwaukie each day. Coal export would impact Milwaukie traffic congestion, health, safety, and quality of life. Learn why city and neighborhood leaders and health professionals oppose coal trains through the City of Milwaukie.

This forum will help you to prepare public comments for the City of Milwaukie which can be sent to coaltraininput@ci.milwaukie.or.us through Oct. 15. Milwaukie City Council will vote on a coal train resolution on October 16. The City of Milwaukie public hearing calendar can be found online at: <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/citycouncil/city-council-keeping-close-eye-coal-train-proposal>

The resolution is similar to resolutions recently passed by City of Portland, Metro Regional Government, and supports recommendations made by Governor Kitzhaber and Senator Merkley for further study of environmental and health impacts before allowing permits for development of coal export terminals.

Who:

- Mayor Jeremy Ferguson
- Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Columbia Riverkeeper
- Bethany Cotton, Greenpeace USA
- Dr. Susan Katz, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Chris Ortolano, co-chair Milwaukie Coal Task Force
- Matt Rinker, co-chair AJC Neighborhood District Association
- Sattie Clark, CEO Eleek Inc. Lighting Fixtures

You'll learn about:

- Big Coal's plans for turning the Pacific Northwest into Coal Country
- The threat to our local economy including increased traffic congestion
- Impacts to our health, climate, wildlife, oceans, and freshwater fisheries
- What you can do to stop this coal export proposal. Q&A at the end of the panel.

When: Thursday, September 27th, 2012 7-9pm

Where: Milwaukie High School Auditorium, 11300 S.E. 23rd Avenue Milwaukie, OR 97222

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