



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

February 3, 2014

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC
City Clerk
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Re: Millennium Bulk Terminal Project; Missoula City Council Resolution
Number 7829

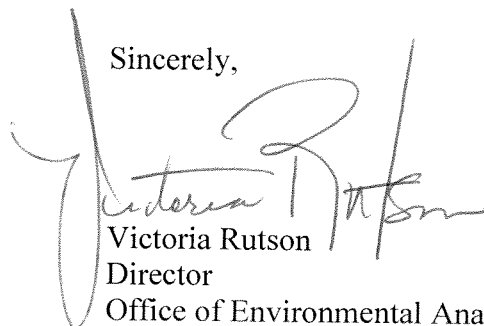
Dear Ms. Rehbein:

Thank you for your October 30, 2013 letter regarding the resolution adopted by the Missoula City Council on behalf of the City of Missoula, Montana. Resolution Number 7829 requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) consider the impacts to Missoula, Montana, in its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal coal export port in Longview, Washington. The resolution also urges the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to act as a cooperating agency in the EIS process for the Longview terminal.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis is responsible for conducting the environmental review process to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental laws as part of the Board's licensing process. Because we have determined that the Board does not have a licensing role in the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal project, we have declined to participate as a cooperating agency in the EIS process. For a more detailed explanation of this determination, please see our attached letter responding to the Corps' invitation to participate in the preparation of the EIS for the Longview terminal.

Again, thank you very much for your letter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-245-0295 or Danielle Gosselin of my staff at 202-245-0300.

Sincerely,



Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis