

Ambre Energy's coal export project will spew toxic pollution into Oregon communities and the Columbia River. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) can stop the project in its tracks. Here is how.

- **Coal is Toxic and DEQ should Stop Toxic Pollution.** DEQ should not allow coal dust from trains and terminals to pollute our river and our lungs. Is DEQ doing everything in its power to protect our communities? Coal is a hazardous waste. And Ambre will transport coal in uncovered trains along the iconic Columbia River, spewing coal pollution into the water every trip. DEQ has no plans to regulate this major source of pollution.
- **DEQ Should Veto the Industrial Coal Dock.** DEQ has the authority to approve or deny Ambre's industrial coal dock at the Port of Morrow. Under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, states can determine if a project like Ambre's coal dock complies with state water quality standards. DEQ is considering waiving its rights under the Clean Water Act. Tell DEQ to require a "401 Certification" for Ambre's industrial coal dock.
- **DEQ Should Issue an Order Prohibiting Construction of Ambre's Coal Export Project.** Ambre's coal export project will spew air pollution in quantities that violate air quality standards. Tell DEQ to issue an order that prohibits construction of the Morrow Pacific Project.
- **DEQ Shouldn't Take Ambre at its Word.** Ambre has a history of misleading government officials about its plans for coal export. In 2010, Ambre failed to disclose the true size of its proposed coal export terminal in Longview, Washington, and, as a result, had to yank its permit application and start over. The bottom line: Ambre cannot be trusted. Air modeling studies prepared by independent consultants show that Ambre will discharge far more pollution than the company discloses. Tell DEQ to take a hard look at Ambre's promises and verify— independently—that they can be met.

Suggested Questions

Ambre promises the moon. But has no track record of operating a coal export terminal. Ask DEQ how it will protect Oregonians from the Northwest's first coal export terminal using unproven technologies administered by an inexperienced corporation that has never operated a coal export terminal.

- Is DEQ planning to regulate coal pollution from trains? What if coal chunks are falling out of trains and into the Columbia River or local creeks?
- Is DEQ planning to regulate coal pollution from hundreds of coal barges?
- Once DEQ issues air and water quality permits, can Ambre use uncovered barges? What would stop Ambre from using uncovered barges?
- Does DEQ know how much coal pollution would enter the Columbia River if Ambre used uncovered coal barges?
- Why is DEQ planning to give Ambre a one-size-fits-all "general" permit for industrial stormwater pollution, instead a more protective "individual" permit?
- Does DEQ know if coal pollution will dirty the local drinking water source in Boardman?
- Did Ambre inform DEQ about its history of misleading public officials about the true size of its coal export project in Longview, Washington?
- Will DEQ require that Ambre obtain an air pollution discharge permit for the pollution coming from its Port Westward coal export operations?

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