



Our mission:
Promote the growth of family-wage jobs in the context of sound environmental practice.

May 11, 2015

Col. John Buck
US Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 3755
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: Gateway Pacific Terminal Project

Dear Col. Buck:

The Northwest Jobs Alliance is a Washington non-profit organization with membership that includes individuals and organizations representing thousands of people spanning the political spectrum, all united around the mission above. Our membership includes business and civic leaders, elected officials, and labor organizations such as the Seattle/King County and the Northwest Washington Building and Construction Trades Councils.

We are aware that the Corps is examining the Gateway project through a NEPA environmental review and is also considering a request by the Lummi Nation to summarily terminate the EIS and permitting processes. Doing so would be a grave mistake. There is no harm to completing the environmental review; it would, in fact, inform the Corps and the public in the fullest manner. To short-circuit the process at this stage of the game would do great harm to the prospects of working families in several states, as well as to the reputation of the Corps as an even-handed arbiter.

Thousands of your constituent citizens from all walks of life have signed petitions or written letters in support of our position on this matter and we would like an opportunity to personally deliver them to you at your earliest convenience, as well as to discuss the issue at hand. As well, business and organized labor are united on this issue and opinion polls have consistently shown that moving forward on this project (and similar ones) in a fair and timely manner is a reflection of the majority will. (See attached.) Please let us know if and when such is possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Huntley, Chair

Brad Owens, President