

1 MR. HENNON: Hi. I'm Mark Hennon from
2 Seattle. I'm the author of Quo's Death, that's quo as in
3 status quo, Quo's Death.

4 Please terminate all coal leases ASAP. The earth's
5 big, but coal corporations destroy it with mammoth mining
6 machines, they grind it every minute with never-ending
7 persistence polluting us relentlessly.

8 There are many reasons to keep coal in the ground,
9 but let's focus on methane pollution, which big coal has
10 done its best to hide. Coal mining dumps millions of
11 tons of climate-destroying methane gas into the air.
12 Most of it goes unmeasured because big coal is not
13 exactly scrupulous about self-reporting the extent of its
14 own sins.

15 Methane pollution heats us up far more than carbon
16 dioxide. Methane from just one coal train causes
17 significant global warming. A standard coal train of 120
18 cars carries 120 tons of coal for each car for a total of
19 14,400 tons of coal.

20 Based on the latest science, the methane pollution
21 from that coal is equal to at least 6,400 tons of carbon
22 dioxide. That's 6,400 tons of pollution for every 14,400
23 tons of coal, 44 percent of the weight of each coal
24 train.

25 And this does not include the massive CO2 pollution

1 from actually burning the coal. Nor does it include
2 pollution from exporting coal by train to the West Coast,
3 pollution from unloading the trains, shipping the coal
4 overseas, unloading it, and trucking it to an Asian power
5 plant.

6 Not included is cancer-causing coal dust blowing off
7 at every step of mining processing and transport. It
8 does not include pollution from chemicals used to bind
9 the coal for shipping or loosen the coal to dump it from
10 the railroad cars. It does not include pollution from
11 70-acre coal piles next to export terminals or pollution
12 from burning the coal in Asia.

13 The coal industry only always wants more. Its
14 history is one of lies, brutality, and murder of its
15 employees. But now it could poison the world to death.
16 The federal government should refuse to do business with
17 such vicious people.

18 Their latest travesty is suing the EPA to block the
19 clean power plant that would reduce power plant
20 pollution. It's bad enough that those enthralled to the
21 coal and other fossil fuel industries have failed to stop
22 corporations from stealing our clean air by polluting it,
23 seizing our clean water by poisoning it and plundering
24 our land by fracking it, but it's a deeper depth of
25 greed, corruption and downright malevolence for

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1 politicians and lawyers to stop good people from trying
2 to limit the corporate pollution that kills and disables
3 thousands and millions of children.

4 Please stop all leasing to these coal people. We
5 should also force them to pay for the pollution damage
6 they have already done to our country, our people, and
7 our environment.

8 Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm Mark
9 Hennon.

10 MS. PATTERSON: I believe we're still
11 missing Speakers No. 56 and 57. Are either of you still
12 here? Okay.

13 If we could have No. 66 through 70 come down to
14 Microphone No. 2. And we're also missing No. 65, if you
15 could come to Microphone No. 1.

16 MR. VOGEL: My name is Richard Vogel.
17 I'm representing Sierra Club and Keystone United Church
18 of Christ.

19 It's kind of hard by this part of the day to come up
20 with something original, so to begin with, I want to say
21 that I agree with the remarks made by King County
22 Executive Constantine and Representative McDermott. They
23 pretty much summarized all the impacts.

24 I am sick and tired of the current economic business
25 model of subsidizing profits and socializing costs. I