

LUMMI NATION AWARENESS PROJECT

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS IMPORTANT

In February 2011, SSA Marine filed its applications for permits that would allow it to build the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway filed separate permit applications to build rail lines to the proposed SSA Marine facility and other Cherry Point industries. Based on the projects described in the applications, a determination was made in June 2011 that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be required before permit decisions could be made. The EIS process involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Ecology and Whatcom County was launched. The outcome of the numerous studies that will comprise the EIS, which is now in its first public comment period, will help to determine whether one or both of the proposals are ever built.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE EIS PROCESS*

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**September 24, 2012 –
January 21, 2013**

Scoping Process: Public comment period to identify potential project impacts and the geographic extent of the analyses that should be included in the EIS

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2013 and 2014

Based on the results of the scoping process, CH2M Hill, the contractor selected by the Corps, Whatcom County, and Ecology, will study the likely impacts of the proposed terminal and railway projects, and complete a draft EIS

3

December 2014

Public comment period will be opened for draft EIS. Additional studies will follow if necessary based on the results of the comment period

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December 2015

Final EIS is expected to be issued

5

June 2016

Any appeals of the final EIS are filed

6

December 2018

Appeals expected to be decided

*Timeline after January 2013 is approximate

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

People are welcome to comment at any time during the comment period, which ends January 21, 2013:

▪ **Via the official website established by the three agencies for the EIS process:**

<http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov>

▪ **By email:**

comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov

▪ **By mail:**

GPT/Custer Spur EIS,
1100 112th Ave. NE, Suite 400,
Bellevue, WA 98004.

Scoping comments

As you're considering your scoping comments, remember that scoping is designed to gather input on four topics:

- Reasonable range of alternatives
- Potentially affected resources and extent of analysis of those resources
- Significant unavoidable adverse impacts
- Measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate effects of the proposals

Comments about the merit of the proposals (either for or against) will not be considered in the EIS.

Comments will be compiled into a scoping report, which will inform and guide the EIS.



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