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Dear Ms. Klein:

Please find attached our comment letter for the record regarding the proposed coal terminal at the Oakland Army Base.

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June 24, 2016

Dear Mayor Schaaf and Members of the Oakland City Council:

On behalf of Clean Water Action, our more than 15,000 members in Alameda County, and our California staff who work in Oakland, we are proud to stand in support of our friends and allies that are fighting keep coal out of Oakland. We are strongly against exporting coal from the upcoming Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal (OBOT).

Shipping coal is a filthy process.

Coal dust is composed of heavy metals including arsenic, lead, and mercury. These particles are tiny and toxic and pose a serious threat to our air quality. These toxic particles would enter the San Francisco Bay- ultimately our food supply. The EPA has stated for years that exposure to such particles causes lung disease, heart disease, cancer and birth defects.

There is no safe level of exposure to these toxic particles. There are no measures in place that will adequately protect Oakland residents from exposure to toxic coal dust from passing trains.

Like coal itself, the deal with the Utah developer is a dirty one. The promise of economic growth is a scam- the plan would only create 112 permanent onsite jobs. These jobs are dangerous and the workers would suffer the brunt of the health and safety consequences.

Transporting coal would transport a devastating crisis onto the residents of Oakland.

For years, Oakland residents have been suffering at the expense of big developers and polluters. We are already inhaling air pollution from the Richmond refineries and the massive freeways. We are already eating fish filled with mercury.

We are strongly opposed to coal shipments at the new Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal and respectfully request that you vote NO.

Sincerely,

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Alissa Meleyco
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