Dear Patricia,

It's been nearly 15 months since we first learned about a backroom deal to turn Oakland into the West Coast's biggest coal exporter. Now, the nightmare could finally be coming to an end. **On Monday, June 27th, the Oakland City Council will hold a special hearing to unveil an ordinance addressing the coal-export proposal.** We need to turn out in force to show the council that if they stand up to the special interests pushing this dirty deal, we will have their backs.

**Will you join us on June 27th and help hold the council members to their promise to protect us all from coal exports?**

**WHAT:** Oakland City Council hearing of an ordinance addressing coal exports

**WHEN:** Monday, June 27th, 4:30 pm (hearing begins at 5 pm)

**WHERE:** City Council Chambers, 3rd floor of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

We haven't seen the language of the ordinance yet, but we have reason to hope that it will effectively block the deal to ship up to 10 million tons of Utah coal annually through a new export terminal planned for the Oakland Army Base redevelopment -- a taxpayer-funded project located on public land. **The coal would travel to the Bay Area in mile-long open-top rail cars, spreading toxic coal dust through countless communities along the way.** West Oakland residents, who already suffer disproportionately from bad air quality,1 would be hit hardest by health impacts including asthma, pneumonia,2 emphysema and heart disease.3

**Please join us on the 27th and help ensure that Oakland's elected officials prioritize public health and safety above the profits of Utah's coal industry and private developers.**

If we can stop this coal-export project, we'll be strengthening the "thin green line" being drawn down the West Coast by communities like ours. The goal is a continent-wide blockade of coal exports, and the stakes are no
less than the future of our planet. **If we can stop this proposal to export 10 million tons of coal to overseas markets each year, it will be the equivalent of wiping out the carbon emissions of seven average power plants.**

June 27th could be the day we close the door on coal for good -- but we can't underestimate the persuasive power of the special interests who stand to benefit financially from the coal-export deal. They'll be sure to turn out in force, so we need you to show up, too. **Please RSVP today to let us know we can count on you on the 27th.**

In solidarity,

Brittany King  
Conservation Organizer

P.S. - Forward this message to your friends, your family, your neighbors, your colleagues, and anyone else who cares about the health of Bay Area communities and the planet.

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