MEDIA ADVISORY FOR:
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SOUND THE ALARM TO STOP DANGEROUS COAL EXPORTS

Business leaders, health professionals, activists emerge on State Capitol

WHAT: Press conference on the State Capitol steps to sound the alarm on the pending coal export permit at the Port of Morrow. Under the leadership of Governor Kitzhaber, the Department of State Lands must decide by April 1st whether to approve or deny a permit to allow millions of tons of dirty coal to pass through the Port of Morrow for Asia export. Oregonians will not stand by silently as foreign companies like Australian-based Ambre Energy try to push through a permit without a thorough environmental review and public debate. Join hundreds of Oregonians in sounding the alarm on the coal companies’ dangerous and disruptive plan to turn our communities into a conveyor belt for dirty fossil fuels.

***ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: GREAT VISUALS AND AUDIO!!!***

Doctors wearing white coats and stethoscopes, nurses in scrubs, recreationalists in hiking gear, activists to form massive coal train and barges, signs and banners, and really loud noise makers to SOUND THE ALARM!!

WHEN: Wednesday, March 13
11:30 – 12:30

WHERE: Oregon State Capitol – front steps
900 Court Street Northeast
Salem, OR 97301 MAP

WHO: Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor of Milwaukie
Reverend Janet Parker, Pastor of First Congregational Church of Christ, Salem
Marshall Runkel, Managing Partner of GreenHome by EcoTech
Larissa DeHaas, Willamette University student
Dr. Patrick O’Herron, M.D., local surgeon, Salem
Anjala Ehelebe, co-chair Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Portland
Bob Rees, Northwest Guides and Anglers Association, Tillamook

***Kicked off by the Raging Grannies!***

POWER PAST COAL is an ever-growing alliance of health, environmental, businesses, clean-energy, faith and community groups working to stop coal export off the West Coast. Visit www.powerpastcoal.org.

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