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Current world markets and decision in East Asia re capital allocation over the last decade demonstrate that American coal exports are not necessary to, nor causally-related to, decisions in China, Korea or Japan to build coal-fueled power generation capacity. Therefore whatever impacts do occur from transporting such coal should be analyzed in the No Action alternative section, since the impacts will occur regardless of Corps and Ecology decisions to grant permits for construction of the project-specific docks and terminals in question.