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To Whom It May Concern, which is everyone on Earth, Note: this is not a scientific or technical comment, but it a comment, nonetheless, and it is meant with all sincerity. Please do a thorough review of the environmental impacts of this project. Surely you know that we must stop burning coal, or we will not reduce one of the dirtiest forms of greenhouse gas emissions, which are heating up our planet beyond survivability. Even though you are a regulatory agency, usually set up to approve such projects, THIS IS THE TIME to seriously consider what your actions will bring about for the children on our planet... Unstable climate means scary food scarcity, loss of habitat for all species, massive job instability, and much much worse. I was a federal employee who did not give much thought to what I did on behalf of the government... I did my job just the way the person before me did, hopefully a bit better. But if I were in your shoes, I would definitely be considering the climate crisis, and be doing something really DIFFERENT from what had been the norm. These are not normal times. Surely you can see. And surely you want to do the right thing for America and our unbelievably beautiful world. If you consider all the environmental effects of this project, you will see there is nothing other than this that must by done: LEAVE FOSSILS IN THE GROUND. Even though this is a unfathomable change, it's one we can't survive without making - NOW. Thank you.