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Port of Anacortes Commissioners
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Commissioners, Council Members, and Citizens of Anacortes:

Prilled Sulfur is a serious safety issue and should not be shipped through Anacortes.

Our home is located on the SW corner of 2nd Street and 'V' Avenue, overlooking Guemes Island, the channel, and Pier 2 of the Port of Anacortes. It's a beautiful spot but it hasn't always been pretty. Petroleum coke is being shipped through Anacortes and loaded at Pier 2. It caused a fugitive dust nightmare. After meetings, public hearings, and a Commission's task force report, the coke operation came into contract compliance. The Cap Sante neighborhood has experienced less dust damage since.

Let us put that history behind us now as we consider trucks hauling Prilled Sulfur through Anacortes. Prilled Sulfur is a hazardous chemical. It is classified hazardous under OSHA regulations in the United States. We are strongly warned against any eye contact, inhalation and ingestion. Breathing the dust may aggravate asthma, emphysema and bronchitis. We don't want this hazardous material in our city. It's not worth the risk to our businesses, neighborhoods, and families.

We took the opportunity to view up close the truck off loading on Pier 2 during a demonstration on a past Sunday afternoon. We saw 6 to 8 trucks dump their loads of prilled sulfur onto the conveyer belt that carried it swiftly onto the ship. There was some spillage and odor. We were told there are spills from time to time, sometimes requiring hand shoveling the product onto the belt.

Even with this improved system in place, we are very concerned about accidents, big spills, mistakes, fire, and evacuations. In the event of a fire, our neighborhood and the downtown shopping district (1/2 mile radius) will be required to evacuate.

This hazardous chemical should not be hauled through Anacortes. It should not be brought into our neighborhood. It should not put our businesses, our families, our homes, and our health at risk. Prilled Sulfur is a serious safety issue and should not be allowed.

Sincerely,



Greg & Carol Springs