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Coal Export Negotiations End

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COOS BAY, Ore. — The Port of Coos Bay ended its efforts with a California company to export coal Tuesday. If the deal had gone through, it would have meant open cars of coal traveling right through Eugene.

Port of Coos Bay representatives say they extended the deadline again and again, waiting for Metro Ports to give them a solid idea of how it planned to export coal of out their terminal. A few months ago, the two other players in this deal dropped out.

With the property owners now saying no to Project Mainstay, local opposition couldn't be happier.

“When we first heard the news that this Mainstay Project was dead on arrival, we were ecstatic and also in a way feeling victorious in that we had predicted all along that they could not withstand public scrutiny,” said Lisa Arkin, Beyond Toxics Executive Director.

While the port says it ended its exclusive negotiating agreement, Metro Ports could decide to return with clear and viable plans.

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