

Tuesday meeting to tackle West Bank train traffic, Plaquemines coal facility

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Train traffic on the West Bank is expected to increase if a proposed coal export terminal is built in Myrtle Grove in Plaquemines Parish. A public meeting Tuesday (June 10) at 7 p.m. at the Gretna Community Center, 1700 Monroe St., will discuss the issue. (Andrea Shaw, NOLA.com|The Times-Picayune)

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Increased train traffic carrying coal on the West Bank will be discussed at a public meeting Tuesday (June 10) in **Gretna**. Sponsored by a coalition of environmental groups, the **meeting** begins at 7 p.m. at the Gretna Community Center, Monroe Street.

RAM Terminal wants to **build a plant** on 600 acres in Myrtle Grove that would load, unload, blend and store coal at the site. The Clean Gulf Commerce Coalition says the facility would raise the number of trains traveling through Gretna and **Belle Chasse** with cars of uncovered coal, posing additional health and environmental risks.

The coalition, comprised of Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Sierra Club, Gulf Restoration Network and Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper, has called for a study on the issue.

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