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Mitigation plan goals and overarching principles

I think a portion of the settlement funds should be used for a demonstration project to electrify one of the Washington State ferries. The engines in the ferries are some of the largest diesel engines around, so replacing them with battery electric drive would represent exactly the kind of shift we need in the state from dirty fossil fuels to clean carbon-free energy. The ferry system is an important symbol for the state. A demonstration project is needed to provide experience and hard data before the state moves to make all of our ferries clean and green.

General comments

Let's be leaders in this area, which is highly visible and symbolic and will generate lots of national press on our transition to clean, carbon-free energy systems.