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As a person who lives near the Tacoma Tidelands and breathes the air that is being emitted, I fear that the Washington Department of Ecology is not doing a thorough job of evaluating our air quality. Specifically, the WestRock's Chip screening project. Why is WestRock allowed to "fall below the state standard for air quality and human health"? The Washington Department of Ecology must develop new regulations that track how the proposed increase of wood chip production creating more air pollution will affect human health in the Tidelands area.

Why do we want to go back in time? Why, after the area has worked to clean up air pollutants, do we want to add to what seems to me, still unsafe air? Some mornings, I wake up and the smell that in the air is horrible. And I wonder, what am I breathing? How will this affect my health? Do I want to live here?

How would the individuals of the Department of Ecology feel if they lived here? Would they consider their methods of regulation to have accurately included all components of a proposed project; and most important, the component of its effect on human health? Better question: Would they allow this increase of wood chip production to happen in their neighborhood?

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