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Thank you for providing the opportunity to review and comment on the WestRock Tacoma Wood Chip Screening Project SEPA DNS and NOC.

I am a Tacoma resident concerned about the effects of toxic air emissions and the health of Pierce County residents. Part of what makes Tacoma so special is its story of moving from a legacy of pollution to a community that can take pride in its industry and environment.

Air emissions are a major public health concern in Pierce County. Residents, depending on where they live, face huge health disparities - life expectancy rates in some areas are 28 years below that of our longest-lived neighbors.

Ecology did not consider cumulative impacts of this new source of air emissions when they considered this project. While the emissions from this project fall below state air quality standards, it is still Ecology's responsibility to consider how new projects will contribute to the total amount of pollution being emitted in Tacoma.

Ecology, please update your rules to include this type of review for new and modified sources of emissions.

Please contact me if there are questions regarding my comments. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the WestRock Tacoma Wood Chip Screening Project SEPA DNS and NOC.