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I am writing to implore the Department of Ecology to not allow Westrock to increase their toxic emissions. I observe daily the emissions from the Port, and specifically Westrock. It is unnerving knowing that there is no real-time measurement or cumulative measurement of all the emissions that industry is allowed to emit into our air, onto our water and our land. The statement that these emissions will "not exceed air quality standards" doesn't make sense to me knowing that all emissions reporting is based on self-reporting calculations and assumptions. Westrock's estimate of 3.9 VOC and 15.59 TAP per year look insignificant, when not considering what the cumulative emissions are from all industry on the port. I am fatigued by the onslaught of industry's emissions and their ability to escape meaningful oversight. I know that several in my community feel this way. On a personal note, my husband has had a pernicious deep cough for the last six months. Just in the last week, he has woken up three times, unable to breathe. He is 46 years old. I hope, with all that I have in my soul, that this isn't something serious. It's hard to not worry knowing that no one is keeping a meaningful watch on the toxins being emitted by industry. Please delay the permitting of this expansion until we are able to more fully account for and mitigate the toxins emitted by industry. Our lungs, our hearts, our lives deserve better. Thank you for your consideration.