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To the Department of Ecology

Yesterday I sent in a comment talking about toxics Westrock is polluting our air with that is not being tested for in our water quality reports. what goes up, must come down. I found the info and it is as follows:

The PCB Post states,

"As a byproduct of the manufacturing process, the WestRock paper mill releases chemicals into the air such as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), and Carbon Dioxide (CO₂). Acid rain is caused by a build up of chemicals such as (NO₂) and (SO₂), while (CO₂) breaks down the Ozone layer causing the "Green House" effect. Much more concerning is that paper mills during Kraft operation release volatile organic carbons or (VOCs). Some carbons include ketone, alcohol and solvents such as carbon disulfide methanol, acetone and chloroform"

<https://pcbpost.weebly.com/corruption-archive/the-horrifying-truth-of-the-westrock-paper-mill>

Chloroform IS NOT tested for or regulated as stated in our Tacoma Public Utilities water quality report in 2017

https://www.mytpu.org/file_viewer.aspx?id=68303

For any polluting business or industry to be able to pollute our environments with toxics that are not regulated or tested for is completely unacceptable and I want, urge and demand that the Department of Ecology to do something about this. The United Nations recently released a report that states we only have 12 years to stop what we are doing before we reach the point of no return. This means that we must take bold action now such as changing laws and regulations to meet the strictest standards we can implement and we must stop handing permits out to polluting industry especially if its for profit and does not benefit the people of the region they are polluting. Please please please do not issue this permit to Westrock. They pollute us enough and I know many people that are already sick and continuously struggling with their health because of the air we are breathing in Tacoma.

Thank you

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