

From: [Stephanie Smith](#)
To: [Yamazaki, Shingo \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: Expansion Permit for WestRock, Order No. 4153
Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018 9:43:46 AM

Shingo Yamazaki,

Dear Ecology,

I live in the Eastside of Tacoma and write today with great concern about the WestRock Tacoma Steam Limit Project, Air Quality Notice of Construction Order No. 4153.

I am a mother of two children 6 and 3 years old. My children, because they were born in the Eastside will face a twenty years shorter, on average life span. The environment that they are living in is a contributor to this statistic from the Health Dept.

The smell can at times burn my throat and lungs. My daughter wakes up with terrible congestion. The aroma may be a joke to many but for those who live in it it's no joke and Westrock will make our lives even more difficult with this. This is our home and will be for many years and we and our Neighbors have a right to enjoy our homes, our property.

My concerns are also that as a society we need to start looking at the total picture. What I mean by that is not just that one polluter doesn't exceed standards or regulations but that as a whole, in one area, that all the polluters don't add up to a hazardous situation. The Port area has a substantial amount of polluters and they add up to a lot!

From what I have read, the permit for which WestRock is applying would allow them to DOUBLE their local greenhouse gas emissions. With the information we have from world scientists, this is simply unacceptable. How could any doubling of greenhouse gas emissions be deemed "nonsignificant"?

It is significant if in this current global crisis you are looking at the possible increase and no amount of offset will change the fact that we should be working towards a negative contribution to the greenhouse gas crisis if we expect our children to have a future.

Furthermore, it seems that they will be using increased amounts of fracked gas. The upstream emissions associated with this fracked gas do not appear to be accounted for in this process. And why would they be excluded? The methanol refinery, Tacoma LNG, the North Seattle Lateral Upgrade – all these other projects were required to take into account the life cycle emissions of the fracked gas they would use.

Considering methane, the primary ingredient of fracked gas, is at least 86 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas, it would be completely biased in favor of the project proponents not to consider these effects.

I believe it is your duty as a regulatory agency to protect people from such increases in

pollution by industry, especially so near to a city center. Please apply the most rigorous standards to this process, take into account upstream and downstream emissions, and deny this expansion permit.

Then we, and future generations, will thank you for it.

Thanks for your consideration,

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