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Dear Department of Ecology,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Westrock Expansion. Just out of the gate I will tell you I'm opposed to any expansion that utilizes fracked gas as fuel. In a time when we should be constricting our dependence on fossil fuels and changing course to renewable energy this company is looting the coffers of our Home.

I am a lifetime resident of the Pacific Northwest and mother of a curious and bright 4 year old. I am a field hand at Zestful Gardens, an organic farm off River Road. I value the gift of clean air and I want my son to be able to breath air that's healthy and doesn't cause cancer.

It's hard for me not to angry at this company as I witness the plumes of toxins spewing out each day. Before Westrock applied for the permit of expansion I have been curious about this companies regulations (or lack thereof) as it seems that even in times of crisis like during the BC fires or the toxic fire at the scrap metal yard we the people (especially people detained at NWDC) endured toxins for their profits. For Westrock during this time, it was business as usual.

As the IPCC report comes out and says we need "rapid and far reaching change" when it comes to our source of fuel within 12 years or there will be climate chaos within 22 years this company comes up with a plan to use fracked gas to create steam to sell to (most likely California)? They are trading my son's clean air and the beloved Orcas' clean water for profit. They are asking that I give my blessing to tip our regions air quality to a point that is decompensative. There are levels of toxins that are unsustainable.

The increase of toxins will include, Chloroform, Formaldehyde, Methylene Chloride, Naphthalene, Tetrachloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, Acetaldehyde, Benzene, Lead, Toluene, Nitrogen oxides, Sulpher dioxide and particulate matter above 2.5 microns by 3.78 tons/year.

We are a region that is newly and not yet recovered from other bad industry decisions and a toxic legacy. Any one part of this project is a bad idea, but the aspects together create something that to my mind borders on criminal. They ALREADY should be required install low nitrogen oxide burners to reduce NOx emissions they are ALREADY putting out. They should ALREADY be required to purchase GHG offsets for ALREADY existing emissions. Regulations during this time of climate change and potential chaos need to tighten and change. It's not "business as usual".

As member of this city and concerned parent and human I ask that you:

--Account properly for all Westrock greenhouse gas emissions and use up-to-date science that includes all life cycle harm from Westrock's climate harming gasses. Allowing more greenhouse gas emissions violates Port and City climate policies.

--I ask that you consider cumulative emissions from air toxins and greenhouse gasses.

--Hold Westrock accountable to fully mitigate for all consequences from toxins and greenhouse gasses.

--This project needs a Cumulative Health Impact Study before issuing any permits and should be done after the Port sub-area plan is compete as to avoid any infrastructure (such as fossil fuel) that will take away from the progress and health of this region.

Thank you for your time and efforts to keep our air and waters habitable. There are some things one

shouldn't trade for money. Air and Water quality are not a "resource"—but a "Source" and right to all beings. We have a responsibility to care for the that which gives us life, not because of a transactional mentality of profit, but gratitude for that which gives us life.

Sincerely,
Joy Caddock