

## Anonymous Anonymous

My name is Micah. I have a head cold. I apologize for the tonality of my voice. I wanted to start by saying I feel that the Department of Ecology has been unfairly insulted tonight by, on several occasions, as not meeting their due diligence or doing a good enough job to protect the people in this area. This project is actually considered insignificant on a national level based on EPA standards at a federal level. But the Department of Ecology came in and said, regardless of that, we want you guys to go further. That may be considered insignificant but we're gonna put a hold on that and knock down what you're requesting by 50%, and say if you can't get below this it's not insignificant by our standards. In my opinion, the Department of Ecology has done a really excellent job of going above and beyond what's required, and I think that warrants recognition and to deny that is sort of insulting and unfair. And specifically because of that, this is a difficult part of the worldthe country, and part of the country specifically - to make a business work economically. It's hard to keep business and manufacturing especially going in the Pacific Northwest, anywhere on the west coast. And when you move businesses out of here, it moves into places with lower regulations, places with less activist groups perhaps, where it's easier to do business and they don't have to meet a stricter standard. They can meet whatever the federal standard is, which I can tell you, is more lenient. Or you can move to China, or you can move south of the US/Mexico border where the limitations are much less stringent. So, anything you can do to maintain a competitive advantage and keep a business running in this part of the world, if it's getting a little more efficiency out of a turbine generator by maximizing the use of a small gas boiler, I say go for it. We need to do what we can, in my opinion, if we're looking at a global environmental picture, and not my personal back door, if I want to save the world, I would bring every business I could from overseas to the US. It would hurt the US air quality, it would prolong the vitality of the world and give us that much longer to come up with a solution to our greater problems. If I can keep a business here, I would absolutely vote for it. I would encourage the Department of Ecology to continue with what I think is a very level-headed and reasonable approach to maintaining a better than the minimum controls, and trying to validate the requests of the public to protect us and the environment and to preserve the beautiful area of the country we live in but also recognize that any manufacturing we push out of here comes at a price to the larger picture global ecological system. It's not just here, it's a all or nothing system. Global warming is global for a reason, it's not Tacoma warming. Denying that larger picture is, I think, an unfortunate case of people with all the best intentions shooting themselves in the foot. People with their heart in the right place, but fighting a small battle and losing the war. So, I would encourage Department of Ecology to pass this, and to maintain their course because I think they're doing a great job. Thank you.