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To whom it may concern at the Dept of Ecology

West Rock pollutes us enough for another States benefit. I do not want their pollution to increase its toxicity on us one more bit. In fact, I am writinlmg you today to demand you to close this polluting moster down.

Every day I see West Rock and that trash they unload into our sky and air we breathe. Its disgusting and already worse. Especially on colder days, such as lately, I see West Rocks pollution seed our clouds with all that toxicity and its carried off with the rest of the clouds in the sky. Its unacceptable and furthermore, it often travels right over to the east side of Tacoma where ironically many many residents are being plagued with extremely high rates of cancer, mysterious illnesses, and life expentencies that are 20 years shorter than the rest of the City. This is not ok and if the Dept. Of Ecology allows this permit, then the Dept. Of Ecology is not only ok with this fact, but allowing these rates to worsen.

I live in South End, not far from the East Side and I can attest that the stench reaches all the way passed the South End anymore depending on weather conditions. Its disgusting and it must be stopped now. They dont need 2 increases in poisoning us in 1 year. They pollute us enough, and it is enough. Time to end it now.

I also want to bring up one of the most basic scientific methods we all learn in Elementary School, what goes up must come down. I bring this up because one day I happened to have 2 reports on my table in front of me. One was about all the things that West Rock pollutes us with, and the other happened to be the water quality report that I recieve in the mail once a year. I was very upset to see that West Rock is polluting us with toxics that are not even being measured in our water. This is extremely unacceptable, unbelievable and just plain wrong. You have the West Rock reports, I will send you the water quality report in a seperate comment.

Nothing at that port thats polluting our air is meassured accumulatively. I know you know this, I know this because Ive spoken with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Do not allow West Rock to unleash and increase its toxicity upon us, we in Tacoma deserve to live in a clean environment with air free from overwhelming particulate matter like everyone else. Air quality monitors at my friends homes are out of control on days that West Rock's so called "cloud machine" is in full force and im tired of my friends who live around the port constantly being sick. Especially on the days West Rock seed our clouds and skies. Sometimes there could be not 1 cloud in the sky, except that toxic mess that gets carried off into our atmosphere. Perhaps the Dept of Ecology needs to install cameras to monitor what we are talking about if you already dont do it.

Protect the people. Deny West Rocks permit and stop this havoc they are unleashing on us.

Thank you

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