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**Subject:** Expansion Permit for WestRock, Order No. 4153  
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Shingo Yamazaki,

Dear Ecology,

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

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”?

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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Angie Fritz,

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