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To: [Yamazaki, Shingo \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: WestRock Expansion Permit (Order No. 4153)
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Shingo Yamazaki,

Dear Ecology,

I am writing to you about the WestRock Tacoma Steam Limit Project, Air Quality Notice of Construction Order No. 4153.

We all know about the “Aroma of Tacoma” and of course it was this very facility that saddled “the City of Destiny” with a reputation for being dirty that lingers to this day. Those of us who live here would like to bury that reputation once and for all – the reputation and the pollution itself has prevented Tacoma from developing into a cleaner, healthier city for us all.

Even though the facility has since installed a scrubbing tower to reduce the smell of their emissions, for which we applaud WestRock, the famous aroma can still be smelled when the wind blows the wrong direction. There are of course thousands who live in the prevailing downwind direction of the facility who are forced to smell that odor and breathe those pollutants more often.

All this is to say that I do not wish for WestRock to be granted permits for doubling their air emissions. In a time where world scientists are saying that we have to curb our greenhouse gas emissions, it is absolutely nonsensical, and runs counter to our collective survival, for any facilities to be expanding their emissions. We have just 12 years to transition rapidly away from fossil fuels!

Since 2008, Washington state has had the legal obligation to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions under RCW 70.235. How does permitting a facility to double its greenhouse gas emissions comply with that law?

From my understanding, this facility would be utilizing more fracked natural gas and selling excess power to California as green energy. So this expansion of emissions is not necessary for continued operations but is just for additional profit.

Please exercise your power as a state regulatory agency to deny this expansion permit and protect our health and our future.

For a better tomorrow,

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