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I've stepped into the "way back machine" upon learning that Ecology has drafted WAC 173-446. Congratulations, and high time; when I worked for the Air Quality Program from 1992 - 2000 topics such as greenhouse gas emission caps and environmental justice with respect to air pollution were just a gleam in a few forward-thinking peoples' eyes. I'm delighted that rules to deal with GHG emissions have been drafted at long last, and heartily congratulate you on getting to this stage. That said, I have overarching comments: 1) Please ensure that the integrity of the emissions cap is maintained. Without a firmly-enforced cap, it's all just smoke and mirrors. 2) Please work with members of "overburdened communities" to make sure CCA investments make meaningful improvements. The locals, generally speaking, have really good ideas about what will work in their particular community. Please also work with the Environmental Justice Council to facilitate functional, effective collaboration. Again, thank you and congratulations on progress made.