

Duwamish River Community Coalition

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard today. My name is Adrienne Hampton, spelled A-D-R-I-E-N-N-E H-A-M-P-T-O-N, and I use she/her pronouns. I am the Climate Policy Manager at the Duwamish River Community Coalition, an environmental justice organization in South Seattle, Duwamish Valley. We are commenting in support of the adoption of the Low-NOx and PM emissions rules related to heavy-duty engine as well as the fleet reporting requirement rules. The Duwamish Valley is a near-port community disproportionately impacted by diesel pollution because it is a high-traffic, long and short-haul transportation corridor. Three freeways border the Duwamish Valley such as Interstate 5, Highway 99, and the West Seattle Bridge. In this way, a reporting requirement that requires truck fleets to document the number of trucks they own and where they operate would provide valuable information regarding the disproportionate impact of trucking activity in hotspot locations like Georgetown and South Park. Equally important, without a clearer picture of where diesel trucks predominantly operate in Washington and who owns the most outdated, highest-polluting vehicles, it will be impossible to ensure that the transformation of the transportation sector is an equitable one. In this way, a fleet reporting tool is a public health tool, and we appreciate our recommendations for more comprehensive reporting requirement being taken into consideration. I'll also add, with a caveat, we also suggest that Ecology take additional steps to go through meaningful consultation processes with independently owned truck drivers to ensure no further burdens. A fleet reporting requirement is important because it will provide critical information on the location of truck fleets, thus is a public health measure to lower harmful NOx, SOx, and PM emissions from this sector. Washington should gather data to better understand the impact of short-haul trucking and the needs of truck drivers in order to center racial equity, environmental justice, and the fair distribution of resources as drivers should not have to choose between their own survival in contributing to childhood asthma as this is a false choice. Thank you.