

Internal Notetaking Template for Stakeholder Public Engagement Period



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[01:04:10] Heidi Stevens: Hi, my name is Heidi Stevens. I live in the South Tacoma neighborhood. Again, I'd like to stress that doesn't mean the South Sound area nor the South End neighborhood of the city, but specifically, South Tacoma where there is a Superfund site and heavy industrial zoning right in the middle of our residential, recreational, school, and business districts. We have elementary and middle schools here. These children are also subjected to pollution from I-5, and so we're getting it from both transportation and industry. We, according to the county maps, have some of the highest illness and mortality rates in the county, respiratory and other generative diseases that are linked to air pollution.

Of course, this is one of the most diverse and lowest income neighborhoods in the city. As I mentioned before, South Tacoma meets two of those community indicators and at least five to seven of those air pollution indicators. Please include this neighborhood as one of your overburdened communities. It already has some of the highest particulate matter in the nation and needs better monitoring for many other air pollutants too. I'm also very fearful of more development being proposed like mega warehouses and more impervious paving, which continues to take some of the last green space we have that's helping combat air pollution.

Those industries are actually bringing even more air pollution. Please include this area in your focus, and I'm hopeful the state will be moving into the solutions portion soon. Thank you.

