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What information should Ecology provide in its annual report?

Per Front and Centered:
"Frequent updating of online report information, ideally at least twice a year, with at least one update being issued immediately prior to legislative session
Use of quantitative data as well as narrative reporting based on community feedback
Incorporation of full information on effects to frontline communities resulting from projects and programs, including, but not limited to:
Direct and indirect benefits to frontline communities resulting from the project;
Environmental health disparities reductions;
Unintended adverse impacts from expenditures;
Detailed explanation of how communities were identified, including how communities were consulted in the identification processes;
Geographic boundaries of the communities identified and project scope;
Which vulnerable populations were reached and their demographics; and
How frontline communities were consulted prior to receiving funding and during program implementation
Reporting on greenhouse gas emission reductions, community resiliency, and environmental impacts beyond carbon
Accountability and transparency through use of clearly defined and easily tracked metrics in order to track progress over time"

What additional information should be included about spending that benefits vulnerable populations in overburdened communities?

Spending should be proportional to the amount of harm that GHG emissions is having on a community or has had in the past.

How should Ecology determine which projects are required to report their GHG emissions reductions?

All projects should be required to report, or at least assessed, so that the ones with the most emissions currently, would be required to report and the rest assessed again every 2-3 years. Exceptions due to "hard to decarbonize" or "economic engines" sectors, should be eliminated, so that all data can be seen in order to be evaluated.

What should Ecology consider when determining how to evaluate greenhouse gas emissions reductions from projects?

Other toxic and non-toxic compounds produced by a project should also be evaluated and listed, especially if they are also reduced when carbon emissions are reduced, so the whole value of a project is better understood.