

February 13, 2026

Anthony Bruma
Washington Department of Ecology

Re: Comments on Preliminary Draft WAC 173-448 – Air Quality in Overburdened Communities

Dear Mr. Bruma:

Nucor Steel Seattle appreciates the opportunity to comment on the preliminary draft of WAC 173-448 and values Ecology's early engagement with stakeholders on this important rulemaking effort.

We have reviewed the comments submitted by the Association of Washington Business (AWB) and we concur with and support their recommendations. In particular, we agree on the importance of:

- Using comprehensive community-level emissions information and regulatory-grade monitoring data to guide design values, air quality targets, and control strategies.
- Considering all major source categories, including mobile, area, and stationary sources, to focus efforts where they will achieve the greatest improvements in air quality.
- Ensuring requirements for permitted facilities remain proportionate to their contribution to local air quality, consistent with RCW 70A.65.020.

Nucor Steel Seattle has a long history of investing in emissions control, energy efficiency, and responsible operations. We support a balanced, data-driven approach that strengthens air quality in overburdened communities while preserving Washington's ability to retain efficient, trade-exposed manufacturing.

We appreciate Ecology's collaboration and look forward to continued participation as the rule develops.

Sincerely,



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