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Dear Mr. Vicente,

Thank you for accepting my comment. I am a climate and clean-air advocate and computer scientist, and I strongly oppose this permit on the grounds that it cannot and will not prevent damage to the health of the flora and fauna of nearby areas.

Despite the determination that the draft permit complies with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, the simple truth is that those requirements do not prevent health damage - they merely regulate it, and not sufficiently either. There is no safe level of air pollution (exposure to any level of it can and does cause permanent and multi-generational health damage that can affect every cell and organ in the body), and we are in the middle of a rapidly-worsening climate emergency that demands immediate and large-scale emissions cuts if we are to try to avoid the worst outcome.

Please do not subject the people of East Wenatchee to the damage this project's proposed emissions would do. You have the inherent and moral authority and duty to deny the permit, and I respectfully urge you to do so. Thank you for caring about our air and climate.