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Dear Rulemaking Lead Fran Sant,

This rulemaking comes at a critical time for Washington and essentially for our part in how we address the world-wide crisis of climate change and the ongoing issues of the global toxins of environmental racism. In our entire country, the adverse impacts of pollution and the overall poisoning of the environment have been hidden in plain sight in the communities of color and on Indigenous lands. This was done purposefully to those communities, entirely because of our country's overall historical commitment to racist policies and practices that disenfranchised these communities entirely. We NEED to change this and this opportunity is a chance for Washington to actually commit to overturning the physical and emotional harm done to these peoples.

The new rules must:

- \*Acknowledge and uphold Treaty rights.
- \*Include community health assessments.
- \*Safeguard communities from inadequate assessments.

Ecology's Greenhouse Gas Assessment (GAP) rule comes at a critical time, as the harm from climate change becomes increasingly evident. Fires, droughts, pollution always fall hardest on the people who already bear a disproportionate share of our environmental burdens.

At a time when WA and the world must dramatically reduce emissions as quickly as possible, any proposal to construct a massive new source of greenhouse gas emissions is potentially catastrophic!

The new rules must also:

- \*Require a climate test based on the best available science to assess a project's impacts.
- \*Require assessment methods of a project's FULL lifecycle carbon footprint.
- \*Include strong, enforceable mitigation requirements grounded in equity and with an aim of reducing emissions.
- \*When evaluating methane emissions, the more potent 20-year impact value should be used, as we have a timeline of less than a decade to make the unprecedented changes needed to avoid climate catastrophe.
- \*Cumulative impacts must be included in the decision-making process, including the impacts on people living in nearby communities.

Please take a stand for justice, healthy communities, and a liveable planet! If YOU do not, WE are screwed.