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To the Department of Ecology, Clean Energy Coordination:

My name is Amy Pangborn and I live at 7716 Fairway Avenue Southeast, 801. I am writing to submit a comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for stand-alone, utility-scale, lithium-ion battery energy storage system facilities in Washington (Publication 26-06-017).

In the event of a system failure or runaway fire, please consider looking at the modeling for an inversion prone valley and/or wind prone Cascade foothills communities. Wind and inversions cannot be underestimated in establishing mitigation models.

How will the contaminated fire-suppression water be handled? What will be the path to groundwater, private wells, and fish-bearing streams; how will a multi-day incident add to demands on local fire, HazMat, hospital, and evacuation capacity?

How will evacuation be managed in a timely way so that residents are not sitting in the toxic smoke or fumes for hours as they try to exit schools or their community. Many communities have one entry and exit which bottlenecks at the slightest change in traffic accidents or road construction. An emergency of this potential would create a health hazard to the residents possibly sitting for hours in the toxic smoke and fumes.

Please consider proximity to residents and schools as a defining condition of the analysis. This potential impact MUST be mitigated below significance, so that lead agencies and the public are not left to guess.

Thank you for considering this comment. Please include it in the scoping record.

Sincerely,
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