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Thank you for taking public comment on DTG LPL. I am submitting my concerns about Yakima County being a dumping ground for our state, and out of country, waste. Much of that waste is toxic and is questionable on how it is being handled. Caton LPL and DTG LPL began business about the same time, 1997. Currently, they have very similar issues, fires, smells, measurable VOC's and questionable business practices. YHD and DOE need to tighten up regulations to protect the public from greed and mismanagement of our environment. Both LPL's have the strong potential of being the next two superfund sites in WA State. We don't need more in our Evergreen State.

DTG, formerly Anderson, stopped taking Canadian waste. Caton LPL began taking Canadian semi loads at that time, officially. Caton has been receiving B.C. semi loads since 2020 during COVID restrictions, which is very concerning how this was allowed to happen as the border was "closed." I continue to witness topsoil being taken off Reclaim side of the slope, Saturday, March 25th, four Reclaim dump truck loads left the site, and they were "closed."

The deep extrication of soil is very alarming and a threat to our groundwater if the Vantage Interbed is breached, as it has been done at DTG and they are at a higher elevation than Caton LPL.

Daily dump loads exceed Caton LPL's SEPA for 120 loads. They take 48-50 loads per day, Monday-Friday! Weekly total loads are at 250, and higher due to Saturday morning semi loads. This should be researched and considered for Caton's closure date, as it is reaching capacity much sooner based on waste tonnage being taken in and the amount of earth, they are moving to cover this trail.

DTG LPL and Caton LPL must be under stricter scrutiny for the safety of the public, wildlife and the environment and what we leave our children and grandchildren to deal with.

Both sites need investigated on their "recycling" practices. Are they really recycling or just dumping on their sites? NO recycled products are leaving either of their sites.

Save the environment for all of the local tax paying citizens. Please do not allow a business that only looks out for themselves and not what they are doing to our neighborhoods.

Do not allow more toxic waste to enter either LPL, they are fragile areas due to what they already have taken in. The magnitude of waste that is already under their noses, our noses, is shocking.

Waste is almost nuclear, it needs 24/7 attention as it does not go anywhere for a very long time and changes form in various decomposition stages and, as proven, ignites and causes more issues, if not treated in a responsible manner.

There is a historical timeline just under the surface at both sites, if officials were to exhume debris...we are all afraid of what you would find.

Locals are speaking up and not happy about what is taking place in Yakima County. Local officials must pay attention and act as if it is happening in THEIR BACKYARDS.