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It is time to ban scrubbers. The MOU is designed to prevent wastewater discharges into Washington's waters - BUT there is a yawning loophole that allows cruise ships to burn one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth (heavy fuel oil) by 'scrubbing' the exhaust and discharge the toxin-laden wastewater directly into the ocean. In other words, converting toxic air pollution into toxic water pollution! That's nonsensical - and why I support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers.

The cruise ship industry must acknowledge the pollution it creates - pollution that despoils the very waters that attract its customers - and work with regulators to reduce its impact on global climate and the marine ecosystem by utilizing less polluting fuels and managing its wastes. Scrubbers must be banned.