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Toxic, fossil fuel wastewater ends up in the ocean via a device called "scrubber." Although scrubbers have been touted by the cruise industry as a solution for treating toxic ship engine exhaust, in reality, all it does is convert air pollution into water pollution and dump this fossil fuel combustion wastewater straight into the ocean. In high traffic inlets like Puget Sound, the build up of scrubber dumping is compounding and has serious implications on endangered species like killer whales.

We have an opportunity to ban scrubbers and secure permanent protection for Puget Sound and its ecosystem.

I encouraged the WA Department of Ecology, the Port of Seattle, and the cruise trade industry organization to renegotiate a voluntary anti-dumping Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Puget Sound and an amendment to ban the discharge of scrubber waste. Please address this serious pollution issue and keep our coastal waters clean because we must protect our water resources or we will also suffer as do the wild flora and fauna that depend up on this resource.