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Our planet is on fire. Our country is on fire. Washington State is on fire. Burning additional fossil fuels is irresponsible and is the exact opposite response that we need right now to stabilize the climate. I oppose construction of fossil gas-powered electricity generation at Transalta's Centralia facility.

The 2022-2023 emission levels is the wrong baseline to measure from and to compare future project emissions. Emission conditions of 2022-2023 reflect operation of coal combustion, which is prohibited at the facility by state law. It is unreasonable to assume that those levels are in any way relevant to any future project at this site. The plant has had zero emissions since December and zero emissions is the appropriate baseline from which to compare new gas conversion emissions. At minimum the permit and supporting documentation needs to be entirely redone to consider the appropriate baseline emissions conditions for the project.

Additionally, the permit fails to consider methane pollution that results in acute damage to the climate and warming potential of the atmosphere. The permit and supporting documentation should be revised to consider the pollution and environmental damage inherent to methane emissions - both at the project and those associated with mining and distribution of fossil natural gas.