

Climate Solutions (James Hove)

On behalf of Climate Solutions, I am respectfully requesting public hearings about the environmental review and draft air permit (Prevention of Significant Deterioration, PSD) for TransAlta's proposed coal-to-gas transition project. This includes an ability to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) by Ecology. We have significant interest in this proposal and process to site and build the first new gas plant in Washington state since the Clean Energy Transformation Act was passed, as do many individuals and stakeholders across the area and state. We believe it is imperative to allow the community and public to engage in this critical decision, and providing public hearings is one important venue and opportunity to do so. Thank you.