

Sara Cate

Hello, uh, this is Sarah Cate, uh, S-A-R-A, first name. Last name, Cate, C-A-T-E. Um, as a physician who has cared for families in Yakima for the past 30 years, treating the environment in which respiratory conditions arise is the most important factor in improving the health of the community overall. The American Lung Association gives Yakima a grade F as one of the 23 most polluted cities in the U.S. for particle pollution. This particle pollution comes from a variety of sources, including diesel burning vehicles. Diesel emissions have doubled since 1990. The Department of Ecology has identified East Yakima, bordering on Interstate 82, as having one of the highest rates of asthma and chronic lung disease and a less than 10th percentile for life expectancy. Transportation is the biggest source of climate pollution, and putting cleaner burning trucks on our roads is key to improving this pollution and saving lives. Thank you very much.