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ACTION ALERT

COMMENTS NEEDED NO LATER THAN August 1, 10 PM. Please ask as many people as possible from your farm and family to submit comments.

Whether you have current, planned, or even possible environmental projects on your farm, it is IMPORTANT to submit comments AGAINST ECOLOGY'S PROPOSED RULES that are harmful to ALL of dairy.

Activists are urging Ecology to give NO credit to dairies for environmental improvements. Ecology proposes an unreasonable limitation on the "credit" period.

Dept of Ecology is engaged in rulemaking that will harm dairy farmers' opportunities to economically produce low carbon energy. It will set a precedent of NOT counting benefits of on-dairy projects like manure management, capping lagoons, food waste recycling, water quality improvements, etc.

Please submit comments to the Department of Ecology's on their website prior to the deadline of midnight on Friday, August 1.

1. Click on the Link to the Ecology Public Comment Page:
<https://ecology.commentinput.com/?id=bS4tQR6WV>
2. Scroll down to fill out the name, address, etc.
3. Copy and paste any of the below messages into the comment section.
4. In the lower right, type in the code from the human verification picture. Then click Continue. On the next page click Submit.

Copy and paste this message into the comments:

Department of Ecology's proposal creates disincentives, rather than encouraging projects, it discourages investment in greenhouse gas reduction and renewable energy projects on dairies. In California, just over 2% of carbon reduction dollars were spent on projects providing more than 29% of carbon reductions. Our Legislature studied this great result and began funding similar projects in Washington State. Ecology's proposed rules undermine legislative intent and progress toward significant GhG reduction projects.

Dairies provide the greatest opportunity to help meet state goals of greenhouse gas reduction and renewable energy sources. Additional benefits include food waste recycling, air and water quality improvements, improved soil health on dairy and neighboring farms, and much more.

Ecology should ensure credit is provided for a longer period of time for ALL on-farm environmental projects so we can work with the State on shared environmental projects and outcomes such as GhG reduction, renewable energy production and food waste recycling.

We need at least 2, 10-year renewable crediting periods for dairy methane emission reduction projects (not 2, 7.5 yrs) (We are not sure why there is any limitation at all on these projects?)

Washington policies should provide the same or better economic incentives for projects than California provides.

Don't discriminate against dairy-derived renewable power.

Extend power generation efficiency incentives for fuel cells to linear generators, as both are super-clean, efficient "non-combustion" technologies