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Department of Ecology rule language 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 undermines the legislative intent of significant GhG reduction and renewable energy projects.

Dairies provide the greatest opportunity to meet state goals of renewable energy resources. Additionally, dairy digesters help 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 to encourage farms to engage in project that help our shared goals of GhG reduction, renewable energy production and food waste recycling.

A. 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?)

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

C. Don't discriminate against dairy-derived renewable power (electricity).

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