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I am completely opposed to this new facility being considered in Hoquiam, WA, for many reasons.

Air pollution: PNWRE claims "Emissions from the new stationary source will not cause or contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard;" The Southern Poverty Law Center has been following this issue since 2017 and has found that "PNWRE has **vastly underestimated HAP emissions.**" In the letter from SPLC to you dated January 8, 2024 this claim is detailed with specifics found from other similar plants around the country. Believe them!

Air toxics: The same letter to you from SPLC also addresses this, to the detriment of the PNWRE application.

A huge concern is the claim that this mill will source their material from mill waste and forest slash. With the amount of pellets proposed to be manufactured, actual trees will soon need to be felled to fill this need. More clear-cutting, more loss of carbon-absorbing adult trees.

There are many other concerns. The loss of clean air in our community, the noise pollution that will occur, the climate impacts of these pellets being made to be transported to Asia as well as the climate impacts of the manufacture are huge.

Please withdraw this application until the company revises its application to address these concerns.

Thank you,  
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