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I am writing to comment on the proposed wood pellet plant requested by Pacific Northwest Renewable Energy, LLC.

*I am concerned that the proposed maximum potential to emit pollutants submitted by the applicant do not accurately reflect real world data as presented by The Southern Environmental Law Center.*

I am an Aberdeen City Council member and while I do not speak for the Council today, I am commenting on behalf of many in my community who represent people with existing health concerns and people who care about protecting the air and water quality.

Aberdeen is down wind of Terminal 3 when prevailing winds are out of the west. Cooling winds coming off the ocean help to maintain fresh air and cooler temperatures when summer temperatures climb into the 90's and even 100's.

Wind from the south carries noticeably smelly air from Cosi Fibers resulting in numerous complaints to the WA. Department of Ecology. Added airborne pollutants from this proposed site will result in more bad-air days.

Yes, Grays Harbor County desperately needs well paying jobs for our economy to thrive and to put people to work, but not at the cost of pushing the metrics of poor health – already among the highest in the state-even higher.

According to the Washington Health Disparities Map, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis fall into the Highest Category for measuring Cancer Deaths, Cardiovascular Disease, Lower Life Expectancy, and Premature Death.

A high rate of Aberdeen residents suffer from Diabetes and Asthma. One of the key recommendations for improving their family's health is to get exercise and this area has many beautiful places we go to walk, bike, hike and run. The Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge offers one such place and is located adjacent to Terminal 3 where this project is proposed.

*Per The Southern Environmental Law Center,*

PNWRE has vastly underestimated the HAP emissions. This facility is more likely to produce at least 40 tons of total HAPs per year including more than 20 tons of methanol- a notorious greenhouse gas.

*There is concern that*

*ask that you review PNWRE's application in context w/ similar operating mills.*

I support other requests for the applicant to submit a case-by-case Maximum Achievable Control Technology analysis and to provide more complete data for BACT analysis for the wet hammermills.

Until there is better data, ORCAA ~~must~~ <sup>should</sup> withdraw PNWRE's application from notice and comment until the company revises its application to address the issues raised in public comments.

Respectfully,

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