

E-mailed Comments

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 9:45 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: NEWS TRIBUNE ARTICAL

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HI,
I WAS WONDERING HOW FAR SOUTH THE AGENCY RECORDS POLLUTION. I LIVE IN GRAHAM AND THE AIR POLLUTION IS TERRIBLE. ONCE YOU GET TO THE TOP OF GRAHAM HILL (ABOUT 254TH) YOU CAN SMELL AND SEE ALL THE POLLUTED AIR.

HOW IS THE ALL OUT BAN GOING ON OUTDOOR FIRES? (LAND CLEARING AND RESIDENT AL PERMIT FIRES) IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR AGENCY POLLUTION CONCERNS ARE MORE WITHIN THE CITIES. HOW IS YOUR AGENCY HELPING THE PEOPLE WHO MOVED INTO COUNTRY TO GET FRESH AIR, ONLY TO BE POLLUTED BY UNCERTIFIED WOOD STOVES, LAND CLEARING BURNS AND PEOPLE WHO BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED "PERMIT TO BURN FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT"?

WHY DO YOU LET SELECT FIRE DISTRICTS REGULATE WHO GETS POLLUTED AND WHO DOESN'T? YOUR AGENCY NEEDS TO MAKE SURE ALL OUTSIDE BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ALL THRU-OUT THE STATE. THANK YOU, STEVE

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Donald [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2007 6:18 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Tacoma Air Quality and Wood Burning

We live in the North/West end of Tacoma in an area of 350,00 homes and up. Our lots are basically 8000 to 10000 sq feet. I have at least two neighbors who burn wood all winter long with heavily visible smoke which permeates the neighborhood. I do not see any curtailment, even during air quality alerts, etc.

It is difficult to work in our yard, since one neighbor is on the north (next door), and the other two lots to the south. They are both in the construction trades, and are burning the wood out of frugality, not necessity.

(1) I wrote to your dept. about 2 years ago, and was told I should talk with them. I do not believe this is my responsibility. Since Tacoma's air quality is questionable at best, I would like to know if your agency plans to implement some curbs on wood burning with some effort at enforcement. It seems ridiculous that I have to have my motorhome exhaust tested when I hardly drive it, yet these neighbors can pollute the area with wood smoke and particulates day and night. Thanks for any efforts you can make.

If you need further information or specifics on these wood burners, I would be happy to supply that info.

Thanks again

Don [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Memoree [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 1:27 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Ellensburg, Cle Elum, Roslyn, Toppenish, etc Clean air????
Importance: High
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Hello:

I subscribe to the newsletter from Puget Sound Clean Air. How would I get a similar program going in our area? I live in Ellensburg where inversion is a problem combined with high levels of particle release from old wood stoves. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get an updated woodstove program in our area. We have two fireplace shops in Ellensburg, one in Cle Elum and more in Yakima.

(1) What can I do to get a similar program for our area. Check out Toppenish (an Indian Res) particle releases, which are worse than Yakima.

Many thanks,

Memoree [REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: larry [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 8:59 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY); [REDACTED], Ginny [REDACTED]
Subject: Tideflat Soot

Friends,

(1) As a former employee and environmental analyst/technician for Simpson Tacoma Kraft, I see a problem involving the proposed non-attainment zone designation for the tide flats. I also happen to be opposed to any relaxing of air or water cleanup efforts in our community, as my wife is a chronic asthmatic. I am a former insider that knows the Simpson Tacoma Kraft paper mill. You may recall in years past, praises by media, civic leaders, regulating agencies and industry peers for being profitable yet still leading the industry in reducing air and sewer discharges. Things have changed. In the last five years, Simpson Tacoma Kraft now has changed its business model including attention to best management practices, equipment repair and, commitment to discharge permit compliance. Its owners in Seattle, have decided to allow the paper mill fall into a state of disrepair, while diverting capital to its co-generation project also located on the plant site. I am in contact with people who are intimately involved with operating and monitoring the plant's discharges. The plant now routinely violates its discharge permit. Instead of repairing pollution control equipment, it chooses to ignore the problem at all costs. A conscious choice has been made not to be a good neighbor any longer. I think the tide flat pollution sources need to be included in civic efforts for cleanup. I will be contacting community leaders petitioning no exclusions for industrial and trade zones.

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Joy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 5:27 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: air pollution designation for Tacoma

Dear Mr. Schneider,

(1) Today I saw the article in the News Tribune about the controversy over designating the areas where anti-pollution efforts will be focused, after the recent announcement of Tacoma as having too many airborne particles. I find it absurd that Pierce County Council wants the industrial and trade areas to be free of any designation which might require them to make more anti-pollution efforts. If these areas are contributing to Tacoma's air problem, they should definitely be included in the anti-pollution plan. To exclude an area based on anything but the amount of air pollution it is creating will just create further problems down the road. Allowing bad practices to continue for fear that correcting them will jeopardize economic development is irresponsible and just plain wrong.

Please make your decision based on sound ecological principles. We need to fix what's sickening our area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joy and Jim [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tacoma, WA 98406
[REDACTED]

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 3:40 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: non-attainment boundary

Mr. Schneider,

I believe this proposed boundary for "non-attainment" is pure politics at best. What makes it even more ridiculous, is the fact that the Port of Tacoma and the Frederickson area has been left out of the equation.

(1) My residence is located in Spanaway, at the very edge of the Frederickson Industrial area, this area has got to be a bigger polluter than all the woodstoves in Parkland/Spanaway.

I think that with all the frequent power outages, it isn't rocket science to figure out why there is more wood stove usage during the winter, has your committee's and politicians taken that into consideration? I personally think your people need to come up with a better plan to include ALL the polluters, not just a few. I remain,

Les [REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED], Greg [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 1:49 PM
To: [REDACTED], Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PM2.5 Public Meeting Remarks

Doug Schneider, Department of Ecology
[REDACTED]

I enjoyed having the opportunity to talk with you the other night regarding the proposed Tacoma nonattainment area designation.

(3) In my remarks at the meeting I said that Simpson Tacoma Kraft's principal concern with the Tacoma Tideflats area being included in the designation is how it would affect our ability to permit future mill modifications. In particular, we are concerned that LAER and emissions offsets might be required for projects that exceed the PSD significance threshold. Although I have not heard anything about what that threshold might be for PM2.5 emissions increases, I expect that it will be less than the 15 ton per year increase that applies to PM10. Although Simpson is not considering any projects at this time that might produce significant emissions increases, it is important to us that our development options not be constrained more than absolutely necessary.

(4) After the meeting, I was questioned about whether Simpson Tacoma Kraft or other industrial sources within the proposed nonattainment area actually qualify as major stationary sources for the purposes of nonattainment NSR. I find that it is possible that I misinterpreted the applicable regulations. WAC 173-400-112(1)(b) defines a major stationary source as a source that has the potential to emit 100 tons per year of any pollutant subject to regulation under the Federal Clean Air Act. I interpreted that to mean 100 tpy of any criteria pollutant, in which case Simpson Tacoma Kraft qualifies as a major source. However, if it is taken to mean 100 tpy of only the nonattainment pollutant, PM2.5 in the present case, then Simpson does not qualify as a major source so there would be no potential permitting concern.

I would appreciate any clarification that you can offer on this. If I did misinterpret how nonattainment NSR is applied, I am prepared to retract my comments. Although Simpson believes that the grounds for including the Tacoma Tideflats in the nonattainment area are somewhat questionable, we don't believe that status will significantly affect how the SIP is formulated so we would have no further objections.

Respectfully yours,
Greg [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Dave [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 1:55 PM
To: [REDACTED], Greg; John [REDACTED], Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Cc: Steve [REDACTED], Jim [REDACTED], Dennis [REDACTED], Katherine [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PM2.5 Public Meeting Remarks

Greg,

It was nice to talk with you on Wednesday about the requirements for permitting in a PM2.5 nonattainment area. Following our conversation, I did a little research into how this works and have asked Steve Van Slyke, our Permits Supervisor, for his help.

As soon as we have some clarity on the requirements, I'll be back in touch.

Regards,

Dave [REDACTED]

David [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Seattle, WA 98101
[REDACTED]
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Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 1:49 PM
To: John [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Cc: Dave [REDACTED]
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Greg [REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Karl [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 11:20 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Nonattainment Area

Mr. Doug Schneider
Department of Ecology

(1) I object to the proposal to include the Port of Tacoma Industrial Area in the Nonattainment Area for fine particulate matter. All of the information presented by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency shows that this area already meets the new EPA standard of 35 micrograms per cubic meter. Unscientific speculation that future growth in the Port of Tacoma Industrial Area could result in increased concentrations of fine particulate matter should not justify including this area in the Nonattainment Area.

Public testimony and documents presented by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency indicate that only a small area in Tacoma's Fern Hill presently exceeds the new EPA standard, and then only in the evening hours when residents are burning wood to heat their homes. There are no residents in the Port of Tacoma Industrial Area, and no sources of wood smoke to contribute fine particulate matter. In addition, data presented by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency shows that prevailing winds do not carry fine particulate matter from the Port of Tacoma Industrial Area into the Fern Hill area.

Including the Port of Tacoma Industrial Area in the proposed Nonattainment Area could place an unfair financial burden on businesses in that area and could restrict future economic development in that area.

I urge you to exclude the Port of Tacoma Industrial Area from the proposed Nonattainment Area.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Karl [REDACTED]
Chairman of the Board

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: susan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 08, 2007 5:51 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Non-attainment

(1) If air quality is going to be TRULY monitored, then there should be NO exceptions. The Tidelands is just as much an area of pollution as the home heating problems of the Parkland/Spangway area. Don't let this become another instance of big business convincing government that they should be excluded from monitoring and regulation. There's been far too much of that in this country already.
Thank you for accepting comments.

susan [REDACTED]

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 08, 2007 10:31 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: FW: Clean air Act

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Clean air Act
Date: Sat, 8 Dec 2007 10:25:28 -0800

(1) *I truly believe we need to crack down on the port of tacoma industry to cut back on pollutions. For years its the same old story,protect the big business,and they've gotten out of control. They improve roads going to the big business but don't care if we small people can even get out of our home.*

The bottom line is stop blaming the small people and go after big business.

*Thank You Robert [REDACTED]
Puyallup*

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Michael [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 11:37 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Tacoma air quality comment

Mr. Schneider,

(1) I live in the North Slope area of Tacoma, just up the hill from downtown and the Stadium District. As a relatively new Tacoma resident, I'm very concerned about the air quality here, and am surprised at the willingness of city and county leaders to tolerate sub-standard air quality. I would like to see Ecology and EPA force improvements in air quality by any means necessary. To improve air quality in my neighborhood will likely require stronger regulations not only on wood smoke, but on industrial and shipping emissions in the the Tideflats.

I urge Ecology not to exempt/exclude ANY areas in Tacoma from federal air quality standards. Industry in Tacoma has a responsibility to reduce emissions -- it should be part of the cost of doing business.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tacoma, WA 98403
[REDACTED]

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 6:21 PM

To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

(1) I am responding to the article in the New Tribune 12/7/07 (No one wants to own soot) regarding the air quality issue in Tacoma. The issue seems to be that there is a need to get the best possible data on air quality for the health and well being of our community. As limited as the research is, it does not make any sense to leave out even further data (i.e. Tideflats, Nalley Valley and the Port of Tacoma) from of the mix. Moreover, I would hope that the industrial and commerce entities in the community would begin to be more forward thinking regarding the relationship of industry and commerce to the environment. Good business and living in a healthier environment does not have to be mutually exclusive. It is time to rethink the relationship. I would ask for the sake of our community as a whole to look at the issue of air quality not as a burden but as a "crisis of opportunity" to do some thinking out ;of the box. Lead our community in a way that will recapture our entrepreneurial spirit in a different (2) light to reveal that a healthy environment can be synonymous with a healthy economy. We need to stop addressing our problems with 19th century thinking and begin to embrace the dawn of this new era of sustainability and regionalism with fresh vision.

I urge you to include as much data a possible in acknowledging "nonattainment" zones not to point fingers at anyone but to see the challenges as they are and begin to address them in thoughtful and progress ways, sharing the responsibility and the right that we all have to live in a healthy and prosperous community.

Respectfully Yours,

Rick [REDACTED]
Tacoma, WA

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 6:22 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Tacoma Air Quality

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2007 02:20:42 +0000

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Respectfully Yours,

Rick [REDACTED]
Tacoma, WA

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: JW [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 10:35 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Non-Attainment Area Recommendation

(1) Here is my comment. I am totally against a non-attainment area that would allow more PM2.5 pollution. Put people's health first

From the Fine Particulate Matter Non-Attainment Area Recommendation for the Tacoma Area report:

"Wind at the South L monitor generally comes out of the south during the months with highest PM2.5 concentrations, as shown in Figure 20."

And the chart on page 24 shows actually a trend to SSW. That blows this pollution right up to Bellevue.

I have trouble breathing now. In the winter, I stick my head out the door to "get some fresh air" and I cannot stand it for 30 seconds. There is no fresh air. It is smoky and makes me gag and cough already

Being in the direct "line of fire", I say no, don't do it.

Janet [REDACTED]

Bellevue, WA 98008

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Jack & Gloria [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 1:24 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: "non-attainment" area

Here is my public comment in response to the information reported in the December 7, 2007 edition of The News Tribune.

Absolutely ALL of Tacoma/Pierce County should be included in the area for "nonattainment" designation. Why?

- (1) 1. As the news article stated, "Tacoma is the only place in Washington that does not meet standards for airborne particles too small to be seen with the naked eye. Officials saw new medical research that proved a connection between fine particles and premature death and serious respiratory ailments." -- Everyone should be subject to the same guidelines to assure cleaner air for obvious health reasons.
- (2) 2. One in every 10 children in the state of Washington have asthma. As a Head Start teacher, I have observed first-hand the increase in children with respiratory ailments. The concern of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce and other business leaders and county officials who propose excluding the Tideflats, Nalley Valley, and the Port of Tacoma's Fredrickson's industrial area from the "nonattainment" zone obviously is driven by worries over future commerce and monetary gain. One should look at the broader picture however, and see how this is effecting the health of our population as a whole. If looked at from a monetary standpoint, are they realizing the impact increased pollution has in regards to the mounting of future medical costs, rising insurance rates, and loss of work time by employees?
"To focus on home heating as the source of Tacoma's air pollution problem" is narrow-minded and self-serving. Tacoma's industries part in our current situation should not be minimized. At some point, the path of "progress" needs to be modified to retain quality of life. I grew up and spent most of my life within the Tacoma city limits and I say it is time for Tacoma-Pierce County to step up to the plate, and do its' part to improve air quality for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,
Gloria [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tacoma, WA 98445

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Paul [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 2:40 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Cc: Linda [REDACTED]
Subject: American Lung Association Comments on Tacoma's Non-Attainment Status
Attachments: Letter of Non-Attainment Status for Tacoma to Dept of Ecology - Dec 10th.pdf

Good afternoon Mr Schneider,

The American Lung Association would like to provide comment following last Thursday's hearing in Tacoma about state Department of Ecology's proposal to designate Tacoma a "non-attainment" area under the Clean Air Act

I have just faxed you a signed document by Linda Henderson, Executive Director for the American Lung Association of Washington. I have attached the same document without Linda's electronic signature, but hopefully something for your files too

The American Lung Association appreciates the opportunity to comment at this time on a decision that could impact the residents of Tacoma

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED]

Paul [REDACTED]
Director of Communications

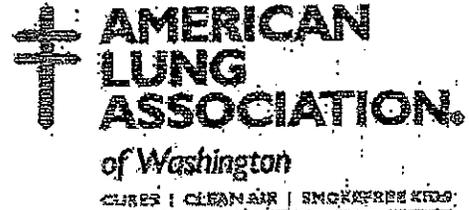


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December 10, 2007

Attn: Doug Schneider
Department of Ecology
PO Box 4700
Olympia, WA 98504-7534

RE: Comments on Non-attainment area boundary for Tacoma

The Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, some Tacoma business leaders, and some Pierce County Officials have advocated that the boundaries for the fine particulate non-attainment area be reduced considerably from those proposed by the Washington Department of Ecology

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency established several temporary monitors to further define the area triggered into non-attainment by the single permanent monitor in the area. Also meteorology and modeling were used to determine the area affected. Using the criteria established by the Environmental Protection Agency, the boundaries were drawn.

The Port of Tacoma has participated in the Northwest Clean Air Strategy and it is likely very soon that they will be doing what they can to lower emissions from the Port. While this may not be the largest source of fine particulates, it is a significant source.

(1) The American Lung Association of Washington is concerned about the health impacts of the smaller boundary. One in ten citizens in the state of Washington has asthma. According to the American Lung Association's 2006 Lung Disease Data Report, an estimated 90,000 residents in Pierce County have asthma and lung disease.

There is a strong correlation between fine particulates, the ones under discussion in Tacoma, and asthma. We doubt that the economic impacts of the larger boundary will be substantial, but even if they are, Americans everywhere in the country have stepped up to the challenge of providing air which meets the standards. We urge the Department of Ecology to stick with its health based determination and adopt the boundaries originally proposed.

(2) We also hope Tacoma will step up to the challenge of cleaning up its air. The state has some woodstove buyout funding and is willing to earmark this area as one of two to receive that funding. But more, much more, will need to be done. The support of the Chamber of Commerce, Tacoma business community, and Pierce County will be important to this effort. Tacoma could be a model of how to achieve health air.

Sincerely,

→ Linda [redacted]
Executive Director
American Lung Association of Washington



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To: Doug Schneider
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Phone: (360)
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From: Paul [REDACTED] on behalf of
Linda [REDACTED]

Date: 12/10/07

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Comments:

Hello Doug,

The American Lung Association
is providing comments following
Thursday's hearing in Tacoma.

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED]
Director of Communications

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 12:46 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Pierce County's proposed non-containment are under the Clean Air Act
Attachments: air pollution.1.doc

Dear Mr. Schneider:

(1) **I urge you to include the Port of Tacoma and McCord Air Base in the proposed non-containment area. Please review my attached letter. Thank you. Dan Haire (253) 922-1393**

[REDACTED]

December 10, 2007

Mr. Doug Schneider
Department of Ecology
PO Box 4700
Olympia, WA. 98504-7534

Re: *Tacoma's proposed "non-attainment area" under the Clean Air Act*

Dear Mr. Schneider:

I am a member of Pierce County's Summit-Waller Community Association. The Summit-Waller Community covers portions of the area identified in Pierce County's proposed non-attainment area as identified on December 7, 2007 in the News Tribune. While the apparent deadline for public comment is today, this issue is just emerging as a topic of community discussion. At this point, I must inform you that many people within the Summit-Waller Community have serious questions about the "non-attainment area" proposed by Pierce County.

(1) Pierce County's proposed non-attainment area appears to intentionally ignore air pollution originating from the Port of Tacoma area (diesel smoke from ships, trains, and trucks) and McCord Air Base (jet based pollution which impacts Pacific Lutheran University and the surrounding community). It insults one's intelligence to suggest that stoves and fireplaces are the primary cause of the area's identified air pollution when stove and fireplaces are, in fact, used everywhere across the State of Washington. To discover the truth, one only has to step outside as I did this morning and smell the diesel smoke and jet exhaust. I can assure you that many affected citizens will become enraged if public officials begin to play politics with their health and the health of their families. The "non-attainment area" should include the source of the area's diesel smoke and jet exhaust fumes.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call at (253)922-1393. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel [REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 2:42 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: An Incentive for Reducing Particulate Pollution

Doug Schneider
Department of Ecology
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Dear Mr. Schneider:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recommendations from the Puget Sound Clear Air Agency (PSCAA) regarding the proposed non-attainment zone within Pierce County.

(1) While I concur with the request of Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg and other local leaders that you reduce the size of the zone to allow for a more concentrated focus of efforts to address particulate pollution, my comment relates to an incentive for your consideration.

My wife and I live on a large parcel that supports the growth of several old trees which, from time to time, drop branches or have to be cut down due to disease and safety concerns. When PSCAA several years ago implemented what was effectively a burning ban throughout the Puget Sound metropolitan area, we were told that we would no longer be able to burn limbs or other yard waste but that we *would* be able to transport debris to the nearest landfill at no charge; since we live only about a mile from a transfer station, that solution was fine with us--the tradeoff was some additional labor (and some good exercise!) for cleaner air. Over the years, though, the landfill operator began charging for any but the first truck-load (one cubic yard) of yard waste each day, then for a "big ger than normal" truck-load, and soon they will begin charging for *all* yard waste disposal in order to meet their rising costs for delivering this service.

(2) This brings me to my suggestion--underwriting tip fees so as to maintain at least the current free disposal of yard waste. Maintaining the current economics will provide an incentive for some property owners who will otherwise be financially burdened by imposition of the non-attainment zone. I hope you will consider this incentive as part of the package you ultimately recommend.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my suggestion.

Paul [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Donald [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 3:43 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Non-attainment

Dear Mr. Schneider,

My name is Donald [REDACTED] and I live in north Tacoma. I am among those that HIGHLY VALUE clean air in our community.

My view is quite simple.

- (1) 1. Don't extend the boundaries of non-attainment areas for the purpose of spreading the bad air around to get a lower statistical number of some kind that enables one to say that the clean air standards are being met.
- (2) 2. Call a spade a spade. If there is an area in our extended community that is polluting the air, then clean up those sources that are causing the pollution with some VERY stringent regulations containing harsh penalties for violators.

Please do the right thing on behalf of the people and our community. We count on good folks like you in our Government to do that.

Sincerely,
Donald [REDACTED]

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Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 4:17 PM

To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

Dear Mr Schnieder,

(1) I am writing you to voice my support for the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the Department of Ecologies proposed non-attainment area boundaries within Pierce County. My family and I live in this area and would hope that you follow the recommendations.

Sincerely,

Bud [REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: [REDACTED], Elizabeth [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 4:24 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Cc: [REDACTED] Gary [REDACTED]
Subject: Pierce County Non-attainment

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December 10, 2007

Doug Schneider
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Re: Pierce County Non-attainment

Dear Mr. Schneider,

(1) Please accept this letter as comment and support of the proposal from Pierce County Executive, John Ladenburg regarding the issue of non-attainment and extending boundaries within the county for that non-attainment

It is my understanding that Executive Ladenburg will be meeting with members of your agency to explore options for moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Elizabeth [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

State and Local Government Relations – NW Region

Cc: Pierce County Executive John [REDACTED]
Gary [REDACTED], Tacoma Pierce Chamber of Commerce

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Bruce [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 5:25 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Tacoma Non-Attainment Issue

Doug Schneider
Dept. of Ecology
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RE: Proposed "Non-attainment Area" designation for Tacoma

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Tacoma-Pierce County deserves to be treated fairly by any designation the Department of Ecology supports regarding air quality. To date, fairness has been left behind as the department has overreached its authority by suggesting that the non-attainment zone be expanded well beyond the area causing the problem.

(1) Wood smoke is the problem and its sources are concentrated in one area of the county. That is where the department and others must focus their attention and drop the indefensible idea of drawing a bright non-attainment line around Tacoma and much of the rest of the county.

Workers suffer when government layers another bureaucratic hurdle in the path of economic development. The department's ill-conceived plan needs to be shredded in favor of one that actually addresses the problem.

Bruce [REDACTED]
President & CEO
Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County
[REDACTED]

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 11:17 PM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: FW: air pollution PS

-----Original Message-----

From: Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 5:28 PM
To: dsch.461@ecy.wa.gov
Subject: air pollution PS

(1) We support the boundaries as proposed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Dept of Ecology
Ellen and Allen [REDACTED]
Puyallup Way 98374

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Innovative Landscape [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 7:02 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: Tacoma 'Non-attainment'

To: Doug Schneider

From: Derek [REDACTED]

Re: Clean Air Act

Good Morning Doug,

I would like to weigh in on the recent article "No one wants to own soot" in the News Tribune, Friday, Dec 7, 2007.

My comments are based on experience as a resident of this area for 45 years and as a Business Owner who travels the Puget Sound Basin on a daily basis.

First of all, I am in favor what ever it takes to improve our Air Quality in the region. As a business owner, it is good business to have Clean Air. I know for a fact as a resident of NE Tacoma, that the Air Quality in our area, is of reduced Quality compared to areas of West Tacoma or any other West Sound Neighborhood. The cause of which is not at all addressd in the article written by the reporter.

- (1) The problem is a regional issue and should be dealt with accordingly. Taking the approach that homeowners with wood stoves are creating problems is backward thinking. It involves the Ports with Diesel ships, McCord Air Force Base & Sea-Tac fuel residue dropped on their flight path (please note in the Newspaper article this area not even being designated.) Another example, The Port kicks up much debris & soot, such as General Metal Recycling along Marine View Drive or the oil processing businesses that tend to operate in the dead of night and sit idle in the daylight. These small particles are probably a greater hazard then all the Wood Burning Stoves in the area. Interesting enough though, I never read about concerns of these operations.

Wind blows pollution across City & County lines. Our policy decisions in this arena should capture that fact. The dominant wind direction is from the Southwest. This means in realty the communities of Fife, Milton, Puyallup, Federal Way are also affected. As a commuter, I have contributed along with the rest of the population to smog in the region. One notable area is the Auburn-Kent-Renton Valley. In my observation, It used to be that smog wasn't evident after a fresh rain for 5-7 days. Now, I observe that it could be back in 48 hours.

This e-mail is a response to long felt concern that are region is growing, increasing our output of pollution. Since Air Quality is hard to judge with the average eyes, it probably lacks the intensity of concern as it should. We trust our Public Stewards to act in a manner that is a true and responsible for the current and long term needs of the community.

Thanks you for your time

Schneider, Douglas (ECY)

From: Stu [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 7:03 AM
To: Schneider, Douglas (ECY)
Subject: polluters exempting themselves

Hello,

I want to comment on the recent proposal to exempt some of biggest contributors to air pollution by blaming regular folks for wanting to be warm at home. **Don't do it!** This is ridiculous! In a meeting held with some of our greatest air polluters (currently and historically) and the politicians that are in their pockets it gets decided that people who heat their homes are to blame for the soot that is caused by industry and traffic. No surprise. This is crooked, plain and simple. Of course Simpson wants to be exempt. They have always polluted, never made attempts to reduce it without being forced by government, and have spent plenty of money over the years fighting for their "right" to pollute our air and water. They should turn their resources toward being better neighbors rather than fighting regulation that is good for all. They have used the tired old erroneous argument that to regulate them will hurt our economy. Every bit of pollution they pour into the air costs them. Those particles all started as resources they have paid for. It has been proven for years that cutting pollution can help a company's bottom line. Clean air makes our region more desirable, not less so. Unhealthy air hurts our economy. A healthy populous is good for the economy.

(1) Perhaps we need to regulate wood stoves more, but we shouldn't let the major polluters out of the picture. The pollution coming from a tall smoke stack might not get detected at the base of the stack, but since they pollute day and night, (yes, we see your smoke in the tide flats burning more at night than by day) it goes far and wide.

I don't have a wood stove, but with the high costs of electricity and oil-based fuels, I can't blame someone for wanting to be warm in his or her home. In the event of an emergency, people like me who depend on the whims of government are screwed. At least a person with a wood stove is prepared and can stay warm with or without electricity.

Further, the area they chose to clamp down on is nestled between some of the biggest traffic corridors. I-5 runs through it and all around it, taking a right angle near Nalley's Valley. 512 and Pacific Ave run right through it as well. The area chosen is surrounded by huge contributors to the problem of poor air quality because it has the tide flats on one end, Nalley's Valley at another end, and Frederickson is opposite it on the other side. The high commerce in this area also brings lots of traffic, which you can't blame on homes. Maybe you can blame wood stoves for some of this, but it is very dangerous to exclude other factors, especially industry and traffic pollution. I don't like living in this pocket of air pollution. The soot gets all over and into my property, and not least of all my lungs. Perhaps no one should be free to pollute at will nor exempt from the accounting of that pollution. We need to stop killing our people with air pollution, exempting some of the greatest sources of that pollution won't help improve air quality.

Please don't exempt polluters from regulation. We can have cleaner air without attacking ordinary folks who just want to stay warm.

Thank you,
Stu [REDACTED]

12/11/2007