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**Subject:** FW: Cherry Point is a regional polluter  
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**From:** WENDY HARRIS [mailto:w.harris2007@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2019 7:23 AM  
**To:** Todd Donovan; Barbara Brenner; Carol Frazey; Barry Buchanan; Rud Browne; Tyler Byrd; Satpal Sidhu; Greg Stern MD  
**Cc:** Wendy Harris; Council  
**Subject:** Cherry Point is a regional polluter



Dear Council: Last Tuesday, I traveled to Seattle for a medical appointment. I took my new portable air monitor, Flow, with me and it tracked the air quality of my travel. It shows the trip from my house down to the University of WA. As you can see, despite the traffic, and the normal pollution one encounters in two large cities, Everett and Seattle, the air was clearly at its worst as I traveled closer to Cherry Point. As I have been advising you, this is impacting the health and safety of residents in the Northwest County. What you propose, which relies on the two groups, the county administration, and NWCAA that allowed this situation to arise despite concerns, is clearly not adequate. I personally feel that all of my concerns I have voiced over these last three years are being ignored and I have been abandoned by my own elected officials.

The rule and standards I am given change all the time for my nuisance complaints, but never once was it granted. Did you know that there have been times when NWCAA has REFUSED to take my complaint? I am pretty sure that is illegal. They

may grant or deny my complaint, but they can not pretend it does not exist.

Now I understand that they are claiming that they can only grant nuisance relief if they see or smell smoke on my property. That is not the law. There is no requirement for this in the state or federal law. I was told it was a case law requirement, but I was not given the case citation and I was belittled by the compliance manager when I stated I could not find the case when I looked for it. "How would YOU know how to do that" as if I was too dumb to understand such things. It makes no sense that any court would impose such a standard when PM2.5 particulates can not be seen by the naked eye and often have no smell. I want to obtain the legal authority and citation for this case for this position because it is not the law. **Please have NWCAA provide you with the alleged case citation or the basis for this claim because they will not answer my questions if I ask.** I do not believe it exists.

The compliance manager also lied to me about the local agency not adopting the feasible alternative standards. That is beyond the scope of their discretion and in fact, when I confirmed the NWCAA local rules, it was indeed reflected there. These are horrible, dishonest people that you want to put in charge of your own residents. I do not make such strong claims often.

I am receiving no help from anyone at the county, or the fire department. I was actually yelled at rudely by a Ferndale fireman who told me that he was not going to drive to a fire five miles from my house, as if that was the most insane demand for someone to make, apparently unaware that these small particulates that can travel for hundreds of miles.

Despite all of this, and all my letters over the last 3.5 years, with photographs, you have done nothing to help me. Now is the time to rise to the occasion, to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. I have more evidence of the problem. Can you see it? It is right above.

BP is the second-largest polluter in the state. Intalco is not in compliance with the Clean Air Act and has not been for many years. Why is DOE only now looking at this, all the while allowing local residents to be harmed?

There should be no expansion at Cherry Point whatsoever, and no administrative discretion for the staff and executive. Please put public health first.

Sincerely,

Wendy Harris