



**Community Air Quality Forum Agenda
Monday September 18, 2023**

Meeting Time: 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: YRCAA conference room

186 Iron Horse Court Suite 101 Yakima WA 98901

I. Introductions

II. Topics as received:

1. "...FOTC would like the opportunity to tell the YRCAA why we believe the YRCAA should have submitted comments for the 2023 Environmental Review of the proposed Sunnyside Renewable Natural Gas manure bio-digester."
2. "...DTG's application for New Source Review / Order of Approval for their LPL and MRF YRCAA Draft New Source Review / Order of Approval for DTG's application."

III. Close Forum

Comments before the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Community Forum

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On May 17, 2023, The City of Sunnyside issued a Notice of Environmental Review for a manure bio-digester proposed for the Port of Sunnyside. The City of Sunnyside asked the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency to comment on air emissions for the project. According to the City of Sunnyside's Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance, issued on June 22, 2023, the YRCAA did not respond.

This means that there is no analysis of air impacts from the proposed SS RNG project in this SEPA determination.

Both the City of Sunnyside and the YRCAA violated WA rules and regulation through this omission.

RCW 43.21C.030

(d) Prior to making any detailed statement, the responsible official shall consult with and obtain the comments of any public agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved. (Emphasis added)

WAC 197-11-502 Inviting comment.

(2) Consulted agencies have a responsibility to respond in a timely and specific manner to requests for comments

WAC 197-11-545 Effect of no comment.

(1) Consulted agencies. If a consulted agency does not respond with written comments within the time periods for commenting on environmental documents, the lead agency may assume that the consulted agency has no information relating to the potential impact of the proposal as it relates to the consulted agency's jurisdiction or special expertise.

But there are significant air impacts from a manure bio-digester:

- Enough methane in the air to justify spending millions of dollars in green money
- Exhaust emissions from 140 round trips carrying manure from as far away as 34 miles
- Estimated 1,500 miles per day of increased truck traffic
- Increased manure production to feed the digester

Thanks for listening

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