



Quotes

Elected officials, stakeholders, and partner agencies on the latest emissions inventory:

“The Puget Sound maritime air emissions inventory is a solid step to inform our community and decision makers about our air quality conditions and encourage further emission reductions to protect public health, especially those disproportionately impacted in nearby communities.”

Tim Hamlin, director of Air and Waste, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10

“Our values around community health, environmental sustainability and economic opportunity are clear. We are on track to have our operations match our aspirations for environmental and economic benefit. At the Port of Seattle we are doing more to connect with communities that live and work closest to maritime operations. That includes being transparent about our progress and where we need to keep making improvements.”

Courtney Gregoire, Port of Seattle Commission President and co-Chair of the Northwest Seaport Alliance

“This cooperative effort among public and private maritime organizations and regulatory agencies shows that our collective efforts are working. We must continue to invest local, state and federal money to combat climate change and hand a sustainable planet to future generations. Having real science from this emissions inventory helps us direct those future investments where they can do the most good.”

Don Meyer, Port of Tacoma Commission President and co-Chair of the Northwest Seaport Alliance

“By taking part in the Puget Sound Maritime Air Emissions Inventory, not only do we get to see that our collective efforts are working and creating better regional air quality, but we are also collecting data that identifies opportunities to ensure improvements continue to be made into the future. We are thankful to be part of this collaborative effort and creative, forward-thinking group of fellow Puget Sound ports, industry leaders and regulatory agencies.”

Port of Everett Acting CEO Lisa Lefeber

“The really good news about this latest air emissions inventory is that the efforts of marine terminal operators and vessel operators are paying off with cleaner air. It’s often said that you can’t manage what you can’t measure. In the coming months we will use this latest inventory like we have the two previous, to come up with innovative ways to improve air quality, manage emissions, and operate as efficiently as possible.”

Captain (ret.) Mike Moore, VP, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

“Diesel pollution is the greatest air toxic risk in our region. The reductions reflected in the air emissions inventory are important gains for public health, but there is still more work to do to protect disproportionately-impacted communities.”

Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Executive Director