

The following form letter was received by DOSH staff in 2,326 emails from various citizens and organizations, commenting on the first draft of the Process Safety Management language.

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Dear Administrative Regulations Analyst Tari Enos

Thank you for taking action to make much-needed updates to Washington State's refinery Process Safety Management (PSM) standard. As the 2010 explosion at the Tesoro Anacortes refinery made all too clear, we need an updated standard to protect workers, surrounding communities, and the environment – and the standard must be as strong as possible. The draft PSM proposal should be further strengthened to maximize its efficacy and enforceability. I encourage you to make the following changes and finalize the strongest possible standard as quickly as possible:

- (A) Implement the improvements to the PSM proposal that the United Steelworkers and BlueGreen Alliance have submitted;
- (B) Do not allow the proposals to be weakened in any way—the California rules already represent a compromise; and
- (C) Move the proposals ahead for adoption as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. While we believe that our state and nation must move towards a decarbonized economy, existing facilities should be held to the highest possible standards to minimize the burden they place on workers, the surrounding communities, and the environment. Washington's five refineries can and should be the safest and least polluting petroleum refineries in the world.