



Friends of Toppenish Creek

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Board of Directors
Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency
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To the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Board of Directors:

Regarding a letter from the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) in the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA) June packet.

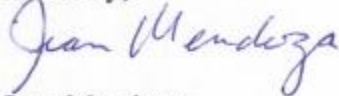
On page 21/54 the letter states:

The Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency was designated as nonattainment for PM10 and is now in its second 10-year maintenance plan. The area is now in jeopardy of becoming nonattainment for PM2.5. If EPA revises the PM2.5 NAAQS to 30 or 32 micrograms per cubic meter (μ/m^3) the area will most likely be designated as nonattainment. Hence, Yakima needs reductions in NO_x – a PM2.5 precursor – from HD trucks along area highway corridors to reduce its PM levels.

Earlier this year FOTC sent YRCAA and the WA State Dept of Ecology a document entitled; *Agriculture is a major source of NO_x pollution in California.* This research has relevance for the Yakima Valley. We respectfully ask the YRCAA staff to address this source and explain to the YRCAA board what measures the agency can take to reduce NO_x from agricultural soils. We respectfully ask the YRCAA board to discuss this issue in an open meeting.

As you know, Friends of Toppenish Creek has alerted the YRCAA to the dangers of non-attainment several times.

Sincerely,



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