



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

March 20, 2025

Jean Mendoza

Sent via email

Dear Jean Mendoza:

Thank you for your letter sharing your concerns about the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA) and air pollution issues in the Yakima Valley. While we will not be initiating a review of the YRCAA, we have been in communication with YRCAA Director, Marc Thornsby, to share your concerns and discuss the circumstances. We will also stay abreast of the Title VI complaint currently under investigation by the EPA.

Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act, we encourage you to reach out to the Open Government Ombudsman in the Attorney General's Office about any possible violations:
<https://www.atg.wa.gov/open-government-ombuds-function>.

We encourage you to continue to express your concerns with YRCAA, who has authority to manage air quality in Yakima County. We appreciate you and the Friends of Toppenish Creek for informing us of your concerns, as well as your ongoing focus on clean air.

Sincerely,

Kathy Taylor

Air Quality Program Manager