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Thank you so much for your help.

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>>> "Smith, Judy" <Smith.Judy@epa.gov> 2/23/2016 12:36 PM >>>

Hi Dameon – I checked with our air quality unit and they said that most of your questions would be best answered by the Southwest Clean Air Agency. SWCAA implements and enforces most of the Ecology rules in the Vancouver area and has also adopted some rules similar to Oregon DEQ's in order to level the playing field within the Portland/Vancouver air shed. The contact information is:

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Let me know if you have additional questions for EPA after talking with them.

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From: Dameon Pesanti [mailto:Dameon.Pesanti@columbian.com]
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Hi Judy,

I just got your message, thanks for getting back to me and making some time to connect. My first thought was to contact DOE, so thanks for validating my hunches.

If I can take you up on your offer, I would like to compare the two states. This article is really going to be an answer to the question: "That's happening in Portland, what's going on here in Vancouver?" I've included a couple questions, but, please, just stop me if any are better suited for Ecology. Nonetheless, here it goes:

Can you explain to me how the EPA works with the state to monitor and enforce air quality standards within Vancouver?

I read on wweek.com that the source company of all the pollution is too small to be in violation of any state laws, even though they're emitting quite a bit of stuff. The paragraphs I'm looking at are:

"Under its state permit, the company is legally allowed to emit 10 tons of any given air pollutant a year, or 25 tons for any combination of two or more toxics spewing from their stacks. Those weights, expressed in tons, apply not to the physical raw material involved, but to the amount of aerosol emissions—the weight of the smoke, or smog, or plume.

According to an April 2011 DEQ "Discharge Permit Review Report," Bullseye used 6,000 pounds of hazardous raw materials in 2009, which would have made it impossible for its emissions to even approach 10 tons. The company's totally in the clear as far government limiting its activities—children across the road notwithstanding."

So my questions are, how do Washington state's laws compare to limiting emissions compared to Oregon?

How does the state monitor small scale polluters compared to big ones?

Who are the main polluters in The Vancouver area?

Is there any thing else I should know or be clear on that I haven't asked about already?

Thanks for you time,

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