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Dear Port Staff,

I am emailing a written comment (see below) for the Port Commissioners' regular meeting on January 26, 2021. Please confirm receipt of this comment and ensure that my comment is distributed and read prior to any vote. Additionally, please summarize my comment as follows: "The Port's climate projections must account for 100% of fuel pumped at regional airports and recognize that airplanes have 3x the impact of on-the-ground emissions. The SAMP's slated expansion is incompatible with the Port's own climate goals."

Thanks, Sharla

OFFICIAL COMMENT:

To the Port of Seattle Commissioners,

In regards to Action Item 8i, Adoption of the 2021 Local and Regional Government Policy Priorities, it is important to take into account the actual climate costs of aviation fuel uploaded at Sea-Tac (this is not yet but will soon be part of King County's climate inventory). It is imperative that 100% of uploaded fuel be accounted for to be in alignment with local partners rather than the 10% that is currently used.

Additionally, the planned expansion to meet anticipated passenger and cargo demand, detailed in the section SAMP's Near-Term Projects section, is completely incompatible with local, regional, and global climate goals. It's even incompatible with the Port's own goal to reduce airplane emissions by 80% by 2050 (remembering that the Port only accounts for 10% of fuel uploaded).

Airplane emissions have three times greater warming impact on climate than on the ground emissions. (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1352231020305689?via%3Dihub>) If we are serious about combating climate change we must decrease flights into and out of our region in the near term. Anything less would be an inadequate response to the climate crisis that we are facing.

Thank you for your time,

Sharla Dodd