

Comments to the Citizens Advisory Council

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When I was young, all of us kids took turns doing the dishes after dinner. My mother would stand watch to make sure that we were actually doing a good job. Any dish that failed her inspection would be returned to the dishpan. My mother would say: "Anything worth doing is worth doing well."

I think Brunner Island needs someone watching to insist that they do their job well. They need to clean up their plant. They have the ability to prevent NOx pollution and they should be made to do it.

The air does not belong to PP&L. It belongs to everyone. We all have to breathe it whether it is good or bad. Why shouldn't it be good air?

A study of the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts ranked PP&L 54th in the amount of air pollution released in 2013 among all corporations in the United States. By the way, PP&L came in 6th for water pollution.

I know that the owners of Brunner Island are in business to make money. However, they should not be making money at the expense of the rest of us. We need someone like my mother insisting they do a better job. I think that is what regulators are supposed to do.

You have the ability to approve the rules in front of you with the stipulation that the Brunner Island loophole be closed. This plant should not be given the right to emit one-third of the NOx pollution from all the facilities in a 12-county area.

Please make PP&L do a better job.