Washington Environmental Justice Council

Statement on the Environmental Health Disparities Map

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Tribal lands are already included in the definitions of "overburdened communities" in both the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act and the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), regardless of how Tribal communities rank on the Environmental Health Disparities (EHD) map or other tools and/or other data. If agencies use the EHD map to identify "vulnerable", "highly-impacted", "marginalized", "overburdened", or other communities with similar characteristics outside of the scope of the HEAL Act or CCA, Tribal lands should be included.