NW Metals is a chronic violator of environmental safety codes and they have not paid fines for the violations which resulted in the disastrous fire in the Cully neighborhood in March of 2018 which burned nearby homes and cause partial evacuation of the neighborhood. They now have a sign up on Columbia Blvd, indicating a plan to relocate less than a mile from Sitton School where we operate and after-school music program in a school where a majority of the children are already struggling against the burdens of environmental racism and poverty.

DEQ must be given the power to enforce the regulations that exist. Otherwise it is a useless agency.