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Hello,

While we are a Contractor and received no notices from LNI about this open period, including the Zoom meeting held earlier this week, I did read a review story in our local paper. At least someone is letting us participate, because looking at your website, while you indicate the comment period is still open, there is no link or form to upload comments. I always find it ironic when governmental agencies hold us so closely for filing reports they require while making it as difficult as possible to contribute comments when they have to follow rules for transparency in receiving public input. When I called the Yakima LNI office for the method of making comments, they replied "I don't know anything about it" and hung up.

We are directly affected by these rules, and I feel we are being left out of the process. I am asking the state to waste less time on reporting what they receive from agencies and unions that make comments with no scientific backing, but self-serving agendas, and such as during a recent march in Olympia organized by a union in Western Washington declaring that heat standards start at a ridiculous 75 degrees (us in Eastern Washington might as well stop working in June), when the real issue is that their employer isn't following current temporary heat standards. That is the issue not that the standards have to be changed to something ridiculous.

Anyway I want to comment, where do I do so?

Regards,  
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