

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Washington Public Ports Association



Collaboration, Advocacy, Education, Research

The Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) represents all 75 port districts across the state. We work to advance and support policies that strengthen Washington's ports as engines of trade, economic development, environmental stewardship, and community vitality. WPPA's 2026 advocacy focuses on keeping ports competitive, sustainable, and capable of supporting statewide economic growth.

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Support MTCA cleanup projects :

Model Toxic Control Act (MTCA) Account Stability

Nearly every community in Washington is benefiting from MTCA.

Since 2009 the Legislature has transferred \$370+ million in Hazardous Substance Tax (HST) revenue away from the MTCA

Account to the general fund – including \$70 million this biennium. This is happening at the same time forecasted HST revenue has steadily declined.

Due to revenue constraints, cleanup funding is limited. Critical large port environmental redevelopment projects are impacted.



SUPPORT: RAG Funding

The MTCA-funded Remedial Action Grant (RAG) program has proven to be WA's most powerful economic development tool.

Grants are matched 1:1 with local dollars and **each \$1 of MTCA funding generates \$32 in business revenue.**

Challenge: Energy Adequacy

Ports are currently facing increasing delays in aligning competitiveness and regional economic growth with energy demand and utility needs. In some cases, there is not enough energy supply to support the expansion of current businesses or recruiting for new opportunities.

A reliable, affordable and sustainable energy future will require collaboration on actionable solutions, including support for energy infrastructure and permitting.

By 2030, the energy resource gap in Washington is projected to grow to nearly 9000 MW.



SUPPORT:

● Port Electrification Grant Program

A competitive grant program created with \$26.5 million at WSDOT to continue the development and deployment of decarbonization projects across the state. 11 port projects were selected in 2025 that will reduce 140,000 metric tons of ghg emissions over the next 10 years. **Support the continuation of this program with additional funds.**

● Siting and Permitting Improvements

As energy demand increases, a sustainable clean energy economy needs an efficient permitting process to build the infrastructure needed.

Support streamlining application and approval processes, technical assistance and templates, SEPA process efficiencies like categorical exemptions, clear timelines, and a centralized permit information center.