

Jack Armstrong

Hello,

I am a citizen of Spokane who has lived here my entire life. I've had a few short stints of time in other cities in different states, and one thing I've realized through my travels and life in other cities is that great natural resources such as the Spokane River are absolutely critical to help build a strong, growing, and valuable city. Without clean natural resources to recreate in, Spokane will continue to have a difficult time attracting the best talent and educated youthful individuals. I'm concerned that WAC 173-201A will risk the great progress we've made on the Spokane River so far. So, my ask on WAC 173-201A is the following:

1. A three week comment period is NOT long enough to understand this variance process and its risks to my river – add 45 days to the comment period.
2. Give us, the public, a chance to comment in person at a publicly held hearing.
3. Please make the variance applications from pollution dischargers like Inland Empire Paper Company and the other big 4 dischargers available so that I can read and understand them.

Thank you,
Jack