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The Washington State Dept. of Ecology announced a three-week public comment period on variance. I disagree with the policy because it will likely let the major dischargers off the hook from reducing their pollution contributions.

I am also very concerned that a three week comment period is NOT long enough to understand this variance process and its risks to my river. Please add at least 45 days to the comment period so that the public, has a chance to comment in person at a publicly held hearing.

Finally, 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.