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Washington State Department of Ecology:

Since the proposed variance rules have taken a year to draft, I feel that the three week comment period is too short to reasonably allow the public to process and respond to these proposed changes. The comment period should be 8 to 10 weeks minimum. Also the Spokane River, along with our drinking water aquifer and related water sources are at risk. Finally the variance applications should be made available to the public allowing stake holders a chance to read and understand them.

Thanks,

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