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Please think long and hard about the future before you decide on variances to increase the amount of pollutants in our river. Those who create and release toxic chemicals into our environment should be prepared to pay the full cost of prevention and correction of their pollution. I spent many years as an environmental engineer in the USAF. I worked hard to convince leaders not to allow pollutants to enter our environment. Twenty-plus years later, I see the results of bad decisions in the past. Spending \$1 for prevention then would have saved the thousands of dollars it now takes to try to rectify those errors in judgement. It is a cliché. Do not be penny-wise and pound-foolish. Even worse are the effects on the health and well-being of people.