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To Whom it May Concern,

There have never been variances for toxic PCBs approved in our entire nation - and for good reason. PCBs have been proven to be toxic to people and planet. TOXIC.

Why then, would the Department of Ecology even consider a variance to allow PCB toxins to flow through the Spokane River, our regions most treasured natural resource?

The risks are highly detrimental - and even possibly deadly: to the general public and Spokane visitors who delights in recreating on the river, the people who rely on dietary sustenance from our river (vulnerable populations of indigenous, immigrant, pregnant mothers and young children's developing brains and bodies), the abundance of wildlife in and on our river and to the indigenous peoples of our river.

We can do better and we must. We must move forward with the implementation of a maximum daily load that will limit the toxins being dumped into our river. Let us continue to move forward as a city of growth and courageous intentionality which implements rigorous standards as we plan for the future. It is our responsibility to our children, to future generations and to the planet.

Sincerely,
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