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As the daughter of a Rogers High School (Spokane) chemistry teacher I am strongly opposed to the proposal to allow toxic pollutants to increase by as much as five times the upper limit allowed by the clean water plan designed to protect the health of our area's residents and ecosystems. And as a voter I am horrified that it is the very public officials charged with protecting our ecosystems who are behind this proposal, one which would be the first to break this public trust and set a precedent for other state departments of ecology to betray the ecological and human health with whose care they are entrusted. Having lived in Spokane since 1955, I remember the polluted condition of the Spokane River before its clean-up through improved regulation.

It is the solemn obligation of the Washington State Department of Ecology to withdraw this sell-out to industry and turn to safeguarding our natural surroundings, which deeply affect our health beginning with our drinking water.