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- Take caution not to open attachments or links unless you know the sender AND were expecting the attachment or the link Dear Ms. Eleanor Ott, I support the DOE in its decision to create a new General Clean Water Act Permit to better regulate nutrient pollution from sewage treatment plants. I recommend these changes to better protect clean water:—The Permit must do more to reduce nutrient pollution in the first permit cycle at all plants, but even more so at the largest wastewater treatment plants that contribute most of the pollution to the Sound. “Nutrient action levels” should be lower, and small plants should be required to take currently available measures to reduce their discharges: they should be required to hold the load. —The Permit should have rolling compliance requirements, corrective actions should trigger sooner, and corrective reductions should be demonstrated as soon as possible.—The Permit must be enforceable and must be designed to timely meet Clean Water Act requirements. Responsible sequestering and beneficial use of waste on land must be developed as an alternative to discharge into our oceans. We must act now to increase capacity, reduce pollution, and improve the handling of waste at municipal sewage treatment plants in our region. Thank you for considering my comments. Regards, Julie Carpenter 8107 Comox Loop Blaine, WA 98230