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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) General Permit draft permit. I urge Ecology to comply with the recent court order to implement reasonable, science-based protections for people, water, and aquatic life from pollution from CAFOs.

In the final permit, Ecology should at least make the following major changes:

1. Implement modern technologies to prevent leakage from waste storage facilities and lagoons.
2. Implement stronger soil, surface, and groundwater monitoring requirements that will sufficiently detect pollution.
3. Safeguard against the overapplication of manure to land.
4. Implement meaningful discharge limitation standards and best management practices based on science (such as riparian buffers) to comply with water quality standards and keep our waterways fishable, swimmable, and drinkable.