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As a resident of Washington State, and as someone that drinks tap water, I am deeply concerned about CAFOs and the pollution they cause. I strongly believe that all Concentrated Feeding Operations - frankly any entity with a large number of animals, needs to undergo and permitting process and water monitoring.

Please note that under current law:

SEPA recognizes that "each person has a fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful environment and . . . each person has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment."RCW 43.21C.020(3)

Ecology must, under SEPA "fulfill the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations;" and "assure for all people of Washington safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings". RCW 43.21C.020(2)(a),(b)

Under SEPA, Ecology must complete an EIS for the draft CAFO general permit. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

I think that Ecology is obligate to actively monitor CAFOs and other such facilities.