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To: Washington Department of Ecology

Re: NPDES Pollution Permits – City of Spokane

Dear WDOE,

Our family has been in Spokane for more than 60 years so appreciate the water available from the Spokane Rathdrum aquifer. We've worked and recreated on the Spokane River as well as used the water for drinking and gardening.

We expect clean water and a healthy river. This means that the City of Spokane should have to test for pollution they put into the water (now or in the future) – particularly for PCBs using the best method available (1668c) and PFAS.

When regulations change or testing methods improve, this permit should automatically reopen and be rewritten to include these changes. This could be the WQS for PCBs changing or the TMDL finishing (including implementing a stakeholder advisory committee different from the SRRTTF). This testing should be site specific – not from mixing water from different zones.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this permit.

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