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Dear WDOE,

This letter is a comment on both Spokane and Kaiser's pollution permits. I am deeply concerned about water quality in our waterways. I grew up on Peone Creek, downstream from Kaiser Mead's hot water discharge. We played in the weirdly warm water, ate mussels from the creek, and watered our animals with this polluted creek water. I don't think the DOE existed at that time. I still wonder what health problems are attributable to allowing Kaiser to use the creek as a dumping ground, to hell with the people or environment. Today I have a home on the Spokane River. Despite the beautiful view, I am leery of the water. It is ridiculous that these polluters are allowed to dump their dangerous chemical garbage in our waterways to save themselves money. These streams belong to all of us, not just the polluters.

Please write the pollution permits so that they have the City of Spokane and Kaiser Aluminum testing the pollution coming out of the end of their pipes for PCBs using the best test method called 1668c. Additionally both permits should require the facilities to test for PFAS.

Both permits should be automatically opened and re-written if the WQS for PCBs is changed and/or the TMDL is finished in 2024. Dismantle the SRRTTF and require an implementation advisory committee of stakeholders when the TMDL is finished. Finally please do not include mixing zones in these permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on both of these permits. I hope you will help to keep our waterways clean.

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