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SUBJECT: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Wastewater
Discharge Permit(s)

Department of Ecology,

As a Spokane County resident, born and raised in the State of Washington, I submit the following comments regarding the subject and particularly, the Spokane River. My comments specifically reference the draft NPDES permits sought for Liberty Lake Sewer and Water, Inland Empire Paper Company, and the Spokane County Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

As a resident, I care deeply about the Spokane River, its fish, and its ecosystems. I also desire that all communities can use the River in a healthy way and that those uses are not denied or negatively affected by pollution from these facilities.

Each of these permits needs to have a "reopener clause" or definite language that will trigger an absolute reopening if/when the State standard for PCBs is revised to 7 pg/L and/or the PCB TMDL is approved in 2024 and requires a Waste Load Allocation (limit) for the facilities in question.

Please, end the mandatory participation of these pollution dischargers in the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force as it is no longer a community-based process. Additionally, please test for PFAS toxins in the pollution effluent coming out of the WWTP.

We love our Spokane River and believe that it deserves the highest standards possible to protect the River and all of the citizen's who care about it, and even those that don't. Thank you for the reading and listening to your fellow citizen.

Kindest regards,

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