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To: Department of Ecology, Washington State

In order to ensure the health, cleanliness, safety and continued use by humans, fish and other biota, please accept these comments re: draft NPDES permits for each Spokane River wastewater discharger, specifically, the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District waste water treatment plant (WWTP), as well as regards the Spokane County Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), and the Inland Empire Paper Company.

Given the urgency of protecting the Spokane River with enforced clean water standards, each permit granted should include a reopener clause, or similar language, to guarantee compliance when the state standard for PCBs is revised to Fed Standard of 7 pg/L and/or if the PCB TMDL is approved in 2024.

Also require a Waste Load Allocation (limit) for the facilities in question. In each case for each discharger listed above, a test for PFAS toxics in the pollution effluent should also be included.

Sincerely,

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