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I believe that WA Ecology should adjust annual fees for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits in order to recover the cost of administering the wastewater and stormwater permit programs. The proposed fee adjustments for CAFOs are not sufficient to cover the costs of the NPDES program for CAFOs. The proposed fees for dairies are much lower than for other CAFOs. Since 1999 Ecology has charged dairies \$.50 per animal unit for NPDES permits. If Ecology had adjusted this fee, in accordance with the fiscal growth factor as provided for in RCW 90.48.465, the fee would now be \$.87 per animal unit. Unfortunately, Ecology is now proposing to increase fees for dairies to only \$.52 per animal unit. This will not cover expenses for implementing NPDES programs for dairy CAFOs. I believe everyone should pay their fair share to address the serious water pollution issues in Washington State. Fees for dairy CAFOs should be much higher.