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I'm writing to request that you require Everett Wastewater Treatment Plant to clean up what they are discharging into Puget Sound. PBDEs, PFASs and nutrient pollution should be kept out of our waterways. In Puget Sound, high levels of PBDEs have been found in salmon, orcas, and also in human breast milk. PFAS and nutrient pollution are pervasive nationwide, including in our beloved waterways. So much effort is being put into protecting salmon and orcas so we don't lose them - this is an important step in making sure they have somewhere clean to live. There is no point in spending billions of dollars to repair culverts for salmon and protect orcas if we are just going to poison them. There is a reason PFAS are called "forever chemicals" - they don't breakdown and there is no safe level of exposure. I have a son with autism and the incidence of this disability is increasing. We have to stop dumping chemicals into our environment thinking they are safe and then trying to clean them up later - we are all paying for this pollution even if only through higher taxes to support people who are unable to work because of disability. Please get tougher and stop the discharge of pollutants into our environment . The permit renewal to the Everett Wastewater Treatment Plant is a great place to make changes to the process. Thank you.