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Please don't renew the wastewater discharge permit for the Everett Wastewater Treatment Plant unless stronger action is taken to prevent discharges of PBDEs, PFAS, and nutrient pollution. We must do all we can to protect the health of ourselves as well as the marine ecosystem. Please demand strong measures to stop the discharges of these chemicals. Make the permit require that pretreatment agreements with each of the plant's industrial users include quarterly monitoring of PBDE discharges and with concrete steps to reduce these discharges. Set close-horizon deadlines for industrial users to reduce source controls to reduce and prevent both PFAS and PBDE discharges. The permit should also set low limits for the amounts of nitrogen and phosphorous that can be discharged to prevent nutrient pollution. The Department of Ecology has an opportunity through the renewal of this permit to do more to protect our marine environment, salmon, orcas, and people. Be a leader in these efforts by issuing a permit that will reduce our exposure to these pollutants.