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It sounds as though the City of Everett and the DOE are concerned and have been taking actions to reduce the number of PBDE's that continue to be released into the Snohomish River and Puget Sound. Unfortunately, much more needs to be done to keep them out of our waterways.

It sounds as though there are no easy answers, but I hope you will consider strengthening your permit by doing the following:

- \* Ensuring a transparent and robust pretreatment program through specific requirements
- \* Using the City of Everett's Water Pollution Control Facility to minimize PDBE discharge, especially during the Chinook outmigration period (February-July with the peak in April and May)
- \* Assessing progress using ongoing Chinook sampling and analysis from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- \* Investigating the potential for more advanced treatment to better control the discharge of PBDEs and other pollutants
- \* Minimizing costs associated with PBDE pollution that are currently being shouldered by the least willing to pay.

It's long past time to start looking into newer and more effective treatments that are better able to remove PBDE's and other pollutants as the current technology just isn't enough and never has been. I don't think most of our treatment facilities were ever set up to be able to remove the dangerous pollutants that have been ignored and released for years and years. It's time to pay the piper.

Thank you again for taking actions to mitigate this problem, but I hope you will do much more. Our salmon are having a difficult enough time surviving these days.