

Dr Demian

Hi: Regarding the the wastewater discharge permit for the Everett Wastewater Treatment Plant; Please implement strict rules in order to reduce harmful discharges of PBDEs, PFAS, and nutrient pollution. 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. For PBDEs, the Department of Ecology should 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. For PFAS contamination, the permit should set deadlines for industrial users to conduct initial sampling and reporting, and to implement monitoring and pollution prevention and reduction practices. Permits should also require that industrial users conduct EPA-recommended ongoing quarterly sampling. Further, the permit should require the plant itself to evaluate strategies to reduce PFAS if source control efforts aren't sufficient to bring PFAS levels down. The permit should set limits on the levels of nitrogen and phosphorous that can be discharged. Thank you. Dr. Demian