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I would like to know how the earlier hold on any permits for sewage solids might also affect allowing for an NPDES permit, since effluent is about as contaminated as the solids, post WWTP "treatment".

The Nisqually Delta Association appealed Ecology's 5-year, biosolid permit decision to the PCHB in 2022. (Decision released on Jan. 29, 2024) The PCHB remanded back to Ecology an action consistent with the decision that it focus on the SEF deficiencies. It requires Ecology to consider impacts caused by PFAS, PBDEs and microplastics,

"The Board remands for Ecology to comply with SEPA by including in its environmental checklist and resulting determination an explicit and full disclosure and review of information on the environmental impacts of PFAs, PBDEs, and microplastics in biosolids that are stored, transported, and land applied under the General Permit. See, e.g., Conservation NW v. Okanogan Cnty., 194 Wn. App. 1034 (2016).8

"The Board GRANTS IN PART, Nisqually Delta Association and Ed Kenney's (Appellants) Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Legal Issue No. 8, and DENIES the State of Washington, Department of Ecology's Motion for Summary Judgment on Legal Issue No. 8. [Earlier in the brief the PCHB said it did not need to rule on the other arguments because of its ruling on Issue No. 8.]

"The Department of Ecology's decision to issue the General Permit is reversed based on noncompliance of the DNS with SEPA requirements. The matter is remanded to Ecology for action consistent with this decision. SO ORDERED this 29th day of January, 2024."

In addition, we now learn that 6-PPD Quinone is not the only tire problem. The lead weights in some of the tires are also dire problems for waterways:

<https://earthjustice.org/article/lead-wheel-weights-are-the-deadly-car-accessory-we-dont-need-or-want?sourceid=1047022&safelist=y&emci=a82c2cd9-595a-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&emdi=708e13f1-675d-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&ccid=108>

WA is supposed to be cleaning up its waterways, yet we seem to keep the pollution pouring in to them. NPDES permits are an avenue for continuing the pollution. Ecology should take a strong position against this continuance.

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