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I am writing you in regards to the Department of Ecology's draft Puget Sound Nutrient Permit. It does not safe guard against nitrogen pollution into the sound. Wastewater plants would be allowed to continue releasing nitrogen close to their highest past levels before taking action. The biggest polluters would be treated the same as smaller plants, even though a few facilities cause most of the damage. It ignores how growth and climate change will drive nitrogen pollution even higher and the public will be left in the dark without clear, accessible reporting on who is polluting and how it's being fixed. Nitrogen pollution is choking the Puget Sound, fueling algae that robs salmon, orcas, and shellfish of the oxygen they need to survive. Weak rules put our waters, communities, and future at risk.