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Subject: Clean-up of Lake Spokane

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From:

Gene & Darlene Stewart

We are writing this letter to express our concern regarding the Clean-Up of Lake Spokane. This lake is POLLUTED. The quality of the water is terrible and getting worse. Each year the Algae Blooms get worse and we see more dead fish float to the top. We have received several warnings over the years to keep children and pets out of the water and to limit fish consumption due to toxic levels of pollution.

A thick blanket of algae covers this lake every summer. To think the City of Spokane and other industrial businesses are allowed to continue to discharge sewage and pollution into Lake Spokane lake is beyond comprehension.

The Dept. of Ecology needs to get their act together and start protecting our water. It is essential for the quality of our lake that the State adopts a plan that will clean up the lake to meet or exceed state water quality standards.

Stop allowing increased sewage discharges by the City of Spokane, Liberty Lake or Spokane County until current problems have been fixed.

Include all other sources of pollution in the plan, including storm water, Avista's Long Lake dam and Idaho's sewage plants.

Impose a timeline - no more- than 10 years to meet Lake Spokane's water quality standards.

Please help us save health concerns, time, and money by protecting our lake now.

Thank You,

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