

Spokane Lake Park Homeowners Association

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Public Comment on Proposed Wastewater Discharge Permits – Spokane River

Inland Empire Paper Company, WA-000082-5
Kaiser Aluminum Fabricated Products, LLC, WA-000089-2
City of Spokane, WA-002447-3
Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, WA-004514-4

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Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
4601 North Monroe Street
Spokane, Washington, 99205

Dear Permit Coordinator,

On behalf of the entire membership of the **Spokane Lake Park Homeowners Association**, we would like to express our concern and frustration over the quality of water and general conditions at Lake Spokane. The residents at Lake Spokane get everything that Spokane, Spokane Valley, Post Falls, and Couer d'Alene send down the river. It eventually impacts conditions in Lake Spokane.

In recent years we are experiencing more and more algae blooms that last longer and cover larger areas. We have less water in parts of our lake during the summer months. The conditions in recent years has diminished or greatly restricted recreational use in certain areas. We have no doubt that pollution levels and lack of dissolved oxygen in the river and lake is affecting local fish and wildlife. There are often areas where there is a stench from dead fish and rotting vegetation. There have been advisories about eating the fish caught in the Spokane River and Lake Spokane due to pollution levels.

Many parents will not allow their children to swim at our homeowner's association beach. We worry about our families swimming and recreating in water that is down stream from unpredictable sewage overflows, untreated storm water runoff, heavy metals, and other unknown contaminants from industrial polluters in the area.

We have a vested interest in the healthy state of the Spokane River, the Little Spokane River, and Lake Spokane. As Spokane County homeowners and taxpayers, we expect the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Ecology to prevent local area industries from discharging pollutants into the Spokane River, Little Spokane River, and Lake Spokane, and the respective water shed areas. We are counting on the Department of Ecology to develop and enforce a timely and viable plan to improve the recreational and environmental safety of our river and lake. The plan should incorporate a vigilant, continuous, honest and accurate monitoring process. Twenty years is a long time to wait for results.

Timely restoration of the Spokane River and Lake Spokane would benefit the entire greater Spokane area of residents, who also come to our local area to recreate.

On behalf of our entire membership, those listed and not listed below, thank you for this opportunity to comment.



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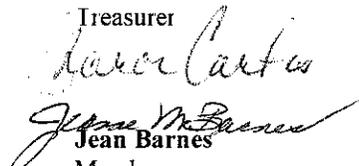
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