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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Dear Mr. Killelea,

I work at one of the small auto recycling yards in Washington and understand with the new Stormwater permit regulations my employer might have to close or downsize. This could cost me my job. I'm not a college grad and with my age it would be hard for me to find a job. It seems that the copper level is your main concern, but I think you are looking in the wrong place for the problem. The parking lots in this town have more pollutants running off after any storm than this yard has in a year. We are very clean and dispose of all oils, antifreeze, freon, mercury switches properly. What happens if the legal wrecking yards disappear? Where does this waste go to? From what I'm told, 10 years ago there were over 400 licensed wrecking yards, now there are 140. Can we afford to loose anymore? Who is going to dispose of all the junk vehicles? It seems to me this new permit would increase expenses and decrease revenues for the State and do nothing to stop the problem. Please look at other solutions and help our industry stay in business.

Sincerely,


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