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(via e-mail)

Mr. Lizon:

The Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) applauds Ecology for initiating a review of its Policy 1-11 and the associated process of making 303(d) water body listing decisions.

Key concerns for WASWD members as you develop the scope of your review are to insure that listing decisions are based on good science, representative water quality sampling, and laboratory or field instrument analyses that meet standards for accuracy and proper technique. This also means that listing decisions should not be based on a few random grab samples or data that was obtained many years earlier. There may be some improvements that could be made in existing Policy 1-11 language that would more thoroughly delineate these concerns.

We fully support and concur with the more detailed comments that offer excellent examples of these general concerns of our members, that have been presented to you by the Clark Regional Wastewater District, the City of Vancouver, and the City of Camas (copy of comment letter attached). These specific examples are applicable and of concern statewide, though some of the examples may reference data from the lower Columbia River.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clair Olivers". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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