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To:

Dave Knight
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Permit Coordinator
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From:

We are writing this letter to express our concern re: 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 kids and pets out of the water and to limit fish consumption due to toxic levels of pollution. How sad is that!

A thick blanket of algae covers this lake every summer. And to think the City of Spokane and other industrial businesses are allowed to continue to discharge sewage and pollution into our lake.

The Dept. of Ecology needs to wake-up and protect our water. It is essential for 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 meaningful timeline- no more than 10 years to meet Lake Spokane's water quality standards.

Please help us save and protect our lake now.

Sincerely,

Katie B. Browning