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Good morning Kathy,

I hope you had a great weekend off...just sorry the weather wasn't a little better, but that's the NW! I wanted to comment on the permit rewrite. First, I think you have all done a great job in closing the loop holes that allowed things to occur on Haven Lake. The rewrite has covered so many areas that were ignored or not enforced in our situation. I know how much work was involved in collecting data, addressing issues, deciding how to rewrite and then putting the words on paper. You all are to commended for your efforts!

I am concerned that what you have proposed will meet stiff opposition from applicators and chemical companies. Hopefully you will be able to stand firm to once again gain control of chemical usage on Washington lakes. I am also concerned about how DOE is going to monitor these provisions. At Haven Lake, the inspection process was questionable so perhaps a review of that area would be in order to encompass the new information. Also, I was unable to find any penalty section of the rewrite that would address what will happen should this new permit process not be followed or there are oversights such as occurred on the Haven Lake application. Perhaps a checklist, signed by the person or group applying for the permit, that encompassed all these requirements, would at least define who would be responsible in case of a falsified application.

One other thing, in the past, the applicator has really been in charge of the permit, i.e., the group applying for a permit must do so with a contractor and should this group want to change contractors, they must have the approval of said applicator. In essence, the group is now hostage to the applicator. At present, the applicator must sign a release before a change can be made. It seems that a group should have free choice of whom they hire and if things don't work out, should be able to easily change applicators. Perhaps this area could be clarified as well.

I realize these are minor changes, but affected us at Haven Lake. Overall, you all have done a great job, listening to our concerns and dealing with the problems of the present permit process. We appreciate your efforts to regain control of our waterways. Good job!

Best regards,

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