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Cheryl Niemi
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RE: Comments on draft rules associated with WAC 173-201A

We are writing to offer our support of draft rulemaking on chapter 173-201A WAC for the state's proposed amendments to the Water Quality Standards for human health criteria and implementation tools.

The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAAC) was created by state law (RCW 35.58.210) and consists of representatives from 34 cities and local wastewater districts serving more than 1.5 million residents in King County, parts of northern Pierce County, and southern Snohomish County. MWPAAAC advises the King County Council and King County Executive on matters related to water pollution abatement.

Our members, as well as King County, are doing our part to apply leading-edge environmental protection for conveying and treating wastewater. Current regulations drive a focus on end-of-pipe approaches to remove today's chemical pollutants. Unfortunately, we don't control many of the types and sources of chemicals that come into our system and technology to fully treat the thousands of chemicals is very expensive or, in many cases, non-existent.

MWPAAC recognizes the importance of improving water quality and human health and supports the State's comprehensive approach to controlling toxics pollutants. This draft rule updates our fish consumption rate and defines water quality standards that are equal to or more protective than the standards in place today. This rule coupled with the comprehensive and sensible toxics reduction strategies in the Governor's toxics reduction package is a holistic approach offering the best assurance of achieving real improvements in water quality and health outcomes over time.

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Overall we support a comprehensive strategy to protect water quality and human health by reducing toxic chemicals at their source and updating state regulations to adequately ensure point source pollution control. We support the Department of Ecology draft rule with a fish consumption rate of 175 grams/day and a risk threshold of 10^{-5} .

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Thomasson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Scott Thomasson
MWPAAAC Chair

cc: Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee Members