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Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington

Dear **Ms. Niemi** and Washington Department of Ecology,

There is no known safe exposure level for PCBs in our surface waters. PCBs are indestructible and have been linked with cancers. Even the existing standards are inadequate; now you're proposing a ten-fold increase in allowable PCB levels!

We urge Department of Ecology to revise the proposed rules and include in the proposed rule a cancer risk level of 10⁻⁶ (1 in 1,000,000) for all cancer-causing pollutants. By retaining a protective cancer risk level, the State can recognize the need to limit the levels of cancer-causing chemicals in our waterways—a critical step toward reducing cancer-causing pollutants in fish and shellfish in Washington State.

Thank you,

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