Petition to strengthen water quality standards for Washington State

We, the citizens of Washington, are concerned about the new water quality standards proposed by the Department of Ecology.

The draft proposal would allow cancer-causing chemicals, as well as mercury and PCBs, two of the most long-lived and toxic chemicals, to remain at unsafe levels by increasing the allowable risk of cancer for Washington citizens. This is unacceptable for the safety of Washington families, especially our youngest generation. Our government has an obligation to protect its citizens and our water from dangerous pollution.

We ask that you revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to one in one million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries.

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