

From: [Matthew Harrison](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7:11:16 PM

Ask yourself what your views would be on a one in a 100,000 cancer risk if you had the cancer? Or your family member. Or your friend. You're gambling with people's lives because you're pretty sure it just won't happen to you. That is an unacceptable way to be a leader. If you're not fighting tooth and nail for zero toxins, then you should quit and let someone else in there to fight the battle.

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Sincerely,

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Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 12:13:30 PM

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From: [Katie Fleming](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10:08:42 AM

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From: [Tammie L Murray](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Washington's Proposed Human Health Criteria and Implementation Rules; Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:53:17 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Ecology's proposal to tinker with numbers, but largely maintain the status quo when it comes to toxic pollution in our waterways and fish, is unacceptable. Rather than deal with the serious problem of toxic pollution threatening public health, Ecology is taking short cuts and creating loopholes. For example, the state's proposal increases allowable cancer risk tenfold. In many cases, Ecology's proposal does nothing to increase restrictions on potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants.

This is unacceptable. We deserve standards that protect public health for everyone. I urge Ecology to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways without pollution loopholes. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Nancy Y.](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 7:55:43 AM

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From: [Elizabeth Gorton](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
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Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 9:54:22 AM

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From: [Patrick Dukes](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards- Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015 9:25:12 PM

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To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
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To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
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Thank you,
Kay Reinhardt
Anacortes, WA

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Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7:42:44 AM

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Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 6:48:36 AM

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Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 1:17:59 AM

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Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 1:52:01 PM

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From: [Svitlana Dyeryabina](#)
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Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:10:49 PM

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From: [Kelsey Severson](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:08:04 AM

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From: [Sally Sheck](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2015 12:12:03 PM

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From: [dave popoff](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards- Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 11:34:23 PM

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Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 1:50:43 PM

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Subject: Draft Water Quality Standards - Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 7:55:43 AM

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Nancy Y.
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From: carol.follett
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: protect people's health and water quality
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 11:47:17 AM

Dear DOE,

I am writing today to request that you recognize the fact that the average diet in our state contains 175 grams per day of fish. It is your responsibility and moral obligation to keep cancer risk at one in one million instead of increasing the risk to one in one hundred thousand.

We are talking about people, not really numbers. They are people who will suffer the agony of surgery, chemotherapy, strain and grief for children, economic hardship for our communities in loss of participation, and cost of care. Do you or yours eat fish? What are your or someone you love's odds of being the one in the one hundred thousand?

I also request you think about the added burden to the environment with chemotherapy and the wastes it produces in the effort to fight the cancers.

Act wisely and humanely now; it is required of you as the body in whom the public has vested their trust.

Sincerely,
Carol Follett,

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From: [Josh Diamond](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: strongly oppose new water quality standards
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015 4:00:34 PM

We should require toxics in our water at a level as close to, if not at 0, as possible. Ten times more cancerous possibilities from eating Washington sealife????? Where is the Dept. of Ecology's sense of decency. Dept of Boeing is more like it

-Josh

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Karin Engstrom](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Cc: marta.idowu@seattle.gov; [Cody, Eileen](#); [Nelson, Sharon](#); [Fitzgibbon, Joe](#)
Subject: Water Quality Rulemaking
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:49:22 PM

I would like to know why I learned of the changes affecting the water I drink in an article by Ethel Branch, Co-chair of Seattle Human Rights Commission in the *Real Change* newspaper of March 18-24th. When I go to your website, I see you held public meetings in Yakima, Spokane & Lacey.

I realize the "webinar" would be accessible to those who live in Seattle - but how can I participate in public comment on the very complex assessment of water quality without some great effort of notifying radio, TV and newspapers with announcements that people pay attention to - not legal notices. I read local papers and listen to public radio news. Some kind of story could take an interest with an announcement of the proposed changes in the rules governing water quality.

As an agency, before you propose these changes, the public needs to be educated regarding the measurement of toxics and poisons in the water we drink. We need to know how you come to these numbers on what the sea and fresh water life can tolerate - what humans can tolerate. I'd like to know.

Do these measurements take into account the increases in shipping by boat and rail; increases in population on the West side of the state, and our overall environment as it connects with the waters, flora and fauna?

Do you analyze rain water that mixes in all our watersheds? Did you analyze the affects from Fukushima on our ocean shores and atmosphere, the clouds that move east to rain?

Ms. Branch states that your rules will increase cancer risk to those of us who eat fish. Well, I eat fish as part of my diet to keep my Rheumatoid Arthritis in remission. I may eat fish two to three times a week. Furthermore, I prefer fish to meat, so I may consume more.

Scientifically, I cannot comment on the rules because I do not have enough information. I need your agency to educate me. I need to know that those who pollute these waters are held responsible.

I follow the Hanford "clean up" and it is obvious that these private companies hired by my government do not know how to clean up that mess. That place was built as an exciting experiment and billions of dollars later, it continues to pollute without resolution. Maybe it really wasn't worth it! Why should their be so much hindsight? What are we going to regret tomorrow - what are the real consequences (not mitigation) to the present practices of business and agriculture? How could they change to reduce their impact on our water quality?

Why isn't that the rule?

Ever onward!

Karin Engstrom
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We have learned as common knowledge that much of the insensibility and hardness of the world is due to the lack of imagination which prevents a realization of the experiences of other people.

Democracy and Social Ethics by Jane Addams