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Subject: Discharge permits comments

Department of Ecology:

I live on Lake Spokane and have for years watched your department threaten homeowners with fines for the smallest of infractions yet allow the City of Spokane to continue to dump large amounts of polluted materials into the Spokane River. This proposal to continue to allow the big violators to dump into the river for the next 20 years is inadequate. The revised plan should begin some lowering of the levels of phosphates, nitrates and heavy metals allowed immediately with a goal of gradually meeting the 2004 TMDL within a 10 year maximum. You and I both know that the industrial and wastewater dischargers will delay, delay, delay then go to the courts to seek relief and will only comply if they are fined amounts large enough per day to make it more profitable for them to do what's required than pay the fines.

It's sickening to look at a green, smelly lake every August or September as the algae bloom makes the water unusable for recreation and fishing. God gave us a great treasure in our beautiful river and lakes and it's a crime to allow those more interested in money than future generations to prevail. You are in a position to make a difference and mold our future. Please do your job.

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