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Subject: We Look to You for Help in Protecting our Lake!

Hello, Dave Knight:

I have had the pleasure of living on Lake Spokane for the past 20 years and felt I needed to respond to the add in our local paper suggesting that we write a letter to DOE to stress the need for the state to adopt a plan that will clean up the lake to meet state water quality standards.

As a concerned homeowner, I have seen the water quality in Lake Spokane slowly deteriorate until that of the past 2-3 years where the algae bloom, along with other pollutants, is so poignant that it has kept homeowners indoors due to the toxicity of the fumes emitted...

The question is not only what has caused this, but more importantly, how do we fix it? We know of the sewage discharges into the river which directly affects the lake below, and of Avista's Long Lake Dam bypass which allows the sediment to enter the lake...the perfect breeding ground for the noxious weed infestation including the milfoil that has grown in abundance in recent years.

I have had 7 bottom barriers professionally put down to control the weeds around my dock that, less than 5 years ago I was assured that I would never have a problem with. The weeds grow to the surface and hold the stench that emits from the bloom. This has not always been prevalent, and it saddens me to see our lake deteriorate so quickly.

We need a meaningful timeline to meet a water quality standard for Lake Spokane that is documented by steps to be taken, followed through and upheld by an agency...established and implemented as soon as possible.

I appreciate any and all of the help you can give to the justification and implementation of such a plan to help clean up our lake, starting at its source and working downstream...we need to protect our water sources at present and for the future. Thank you for your time and help to protect our lake!

Very sincerely,

Sandi Mead, Lake Spokane homeowner