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May 27, 2009

Rick Eichstaedt
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35 West Main Street, Suite 300
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RE: PCBs in the Spokane River

Dear Mr. Eichstaedt:

Thank you for your letter dated May 15, 2009 regarding PCBs in the Spokane River. We share your concerns for PCB pollution in the Spokane River and acknowledge that many of the issues identified in your letter are critical to the success of our water quality improvement efforts in the basin.

The purpose of this reply is to inform you that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) intends to carefully review your letter and will prepare a complete, thoughtful response after we have time to consult with Ecology staff and with the Office of the Attorney General. Several of the issues identified in your letter include legal issues, interpretations and references to water quality permitting which will require legal analysis. Other points involve multiple program areas which will require some internal coordination at Ecology.

I appreciate your patience with this interim reply and thank you for your continued commitment to cleaning up and improving the Spokane River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay J. Manning".

Jay J. Manning,
Director

