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While I support the effort to update water discharge standards for industry, I can't help but feel that this attempt to update "allowable contaminants" is participating in a tedious cycle of "catch up" on the part of agencies responsible for maintaining standards of water quality. If you can determine a legitimate standard for water quality that is directly compatible with the existing streams and waterways in which the treated discharge is introduced, that data would then be an obvious criterion for the quality of discharged water that was expected by your agency, and ongoing updates would be the exception rather than the rule. In short, while I am pleased that you are at least considering improvements to your system, I feel they fall far short of addressing the ongoing problem of water, marine, and human safety.

Sincerely

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