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The proposed changes to the NPS on freshwater are inadequate.

In particular, ensuring that rivers are clean enough to swim in should be a compulsory standard, not optional. This is a higher standard that will promote a healthy environment which is the cornerstone of our society and economy.

Boating/wading is the wrong standard and will allow waters to become degraded beyond acceptable levels.

Also, any exemptions to the rules should be limited to a list of specific water bodies.

Thanks for your time.

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