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EPA Environmental Protection Agency, Water Docket  
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Dear EPA Water Docket,

I am writing in opposition to EPA's proposed rule to exempt water transfers from the Clean Water Act's prohibition on discharging pollutants into the nation's waters.

Water transfers can spread any number of pollutants through our waters, including invasive species such as zebra mussels that are now overwhelming the Great Lakes. Biological hazards such as toxic algae have been introduced to previously clean water bodies through water transfers, and have sickened humans and even proven fatal to pets.

This proposal would allow the practice of pumping pollution from one stream into another without a permit, no matter how polluted the source water nor how clean the receiving water. The EPA should be looking for ways to eliminate water pollution altogether, not ways to spread pollutants around.

The protection of our nation's waters is essential to human health, healthy communities, and a healthy environment. This proposed regulation is unacceptable and should be abandoned, and existing rules that prohibit dumping polluted water into clean water should be followed.

It has always been my understanding that the EPA is the agency that protects the environment. Doesn't EPA stand for Environmental Protection Agency? If your proposal of water transfers in any way protects the environment and its inhabitants, I fail to see the protection. All I see is that you are proposing to allow more pollutants to be spread throughout all of our waters. I see no way that this in any way cleans up the polluted waters!

I appreciate your sincere consideration of my comments on this most important matter. I expect to learn that you have protected our waters by proposing a real clean up, and water transfers won't do that. I am strongly OPPOSED to your water transfer proposal. We did not inherit this Earth from our parents, we are borrowing it from our children!

Sincerely,

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