

Double Octometer

Toxic Fish Near Bonneville Dam

Fish above the dam—
toxic PCB's
make inedible.
Migratory fish
like salmon, steelhead
still a tasty dish
but sturgeon, walleye—
they can only wish.

Some have mercury
Don't eat resident
polluted fish –sick.
Sucker left in lurch
High test count on bass,
bluegill, yellow perch,
crappie, carp, catfish
still give anguish.

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1. 5 syllable lines.
2. 8 line stanzas.
3. Rhyme scheme: a-b-c-d-e-d-f-d g-h-i-j-k-j-d-d