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Good morning

Here are the WAR Items, reviewed and approved by Stacey.

Regards

Syed

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EPA RECEIVES DRAFT INFORMATION FROM LOOP: EPA met with LOOP representatives on September 5, 2017 to discuss the EPA/LDEQ draft joint permit. LOOP agreed to provide EPA with information regarding their brine discharge and operations, results of the in-situ monitoring that is conducted every 5 years, as well as issues with the method used to conduct biomonitoring. LOOP provided a draft discussion letter on October 5, 2017 on WET and information on their brine discharge. EPA plans on providing feedback on their draft discussion document by Friday, October 13, 2017. **Stacey Dwyer, 665-6729; Silvia Bogdan, 665-2749.**

Monitoring/303(d) List/TMDL meeting with LDEQ: Assessment, Listing and TMDL Section staff visited LDEQ's Baton Rouge office on October 3, 2017 to meet with LDEQ staff regarding a number of monitoring, 303(d) list and TMDL-related topics. Topics included the state's monitoring strategy, monitoring and assessment plans in the Terrebonne coastal waters subsegment, use of external data sources in 303(d) list decisions, status of TMDL revisions and development of TMDL alternatives, status of water quality criteria revisions and narrative nutrient criteria translator development, and implementation of TMDLs in permits. LDEQ also discussed some of the challenges that the agency faces that limit its ability to make greater progress in developing TMDLs and TMDL alternatives in priority waters. **Richard Wooster, 665-6473; Mike Schaub,**

665-7314.

REGION 6 REVIEW OF THE TX PRE-PUBLIC DRAFT TMDL ADDENDUM FOR BACTERIA: October 10, 2017, EPA Region 6 received the pre-draft document titled, *Two TMDLs for Bacteria in Aransas River Above Tidal and Poesta Creek*, from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). EPA has received the October 2017 WQMP Addendum document and will provide comments on the draft. TCEQ's next step will be to release the complete October 2017 WQMP Update document for EPA draft review. The TMDL addendum addresses bacteria impairment for two assessment units within the original watershed of the approved August 9, 2016 TMDL project for tidal segments of the Mission and Aransas Rivers. **Linda Adams, 665-6546.**

LDEQ/EPA MEETING ON THE NPDES PERMITTING PROGRAM: EPA and LDEQ met on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 to discuss the State's approach to NPDES

permitting. The discussion included WET requirements and TMDL consistency with the permits. EPA agreed to continue discussions on interim measures that the State may use in cases where the TMDLs need to be revised. **Stacey Dwyer, 665-6729; kay Schwab, 665-6635; Silvia Bogdan, 665-2749; Denise Hamilton, 665-2775.**

316 (b) RULE/STEAM ELECTRIC IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP CONFERENCE CALL: Representatives of the NPDES Permits and TMDLs Branch participated on a conference call Thursday, October 12, 2017, with other EPA Regional offices to continue discussions on implementation requirements of the Final Phase II 316(b) Rule and the revised rule for Steam Electric Power Generating facilities. These calls are scheduled on a monthly basis to provide technical guidance, coordination, and consistency in establishing permit conditions and requirements to entities that are subject to the Final Rules. The 316(b) Final Rule was promulgated August 14, 2014, and became effective October 15, 2014, and the revised rule for the Steam Electric Power Generating facilities became final Sept. 30, 2015 (effective Jan. 4, 2016). However, both rules are undergoing litigation. In addition, compliance dates for the revised Steam Electric Power Generating facilities have been postponed by two years, until reconsideration of the final rule is complete. **Kilty Baskin, 665-7500.**

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