To: Brown, Lashunda[Brown.Lashunda@epa.gov]
From: Wooster, Richard
Sent: Wed 3/8/2017 6:50:25 PM
Subject: RE: WQ-P WAR

I'm weary of correcting grammar for college-educated people, so I'll simply let this go in as is.

Thanks,

richard

From: Brown, Lashunda
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Wooster, Richard <Wooster.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: WQ-P WAR

Our Branch WAR is below awaiting your approval.

NPDES PERMITS & TMDLS BRANCH

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 03-10-17

WITHDRAWAL OF INTERIM OBJECTION LETTER FOR TPDES PERMIT: The EPA issued a Withdrawal of Interim Objection Letter, to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), dated March 2, 2017, for Trinity Bay Conservation District (TX0020460). TCEQ provided a Technical Memorandum that summarized an extensive study conducted on the watershed using water elevation gages within the watershed to show the flow was significantly greater than the estimates calculated by TCEQ.

Greg Valentine, 665-3111

WITHDRAWAL OF INTERIM OBJECTION LETTER FOR TPDES PERMIT: The EPA issued a Withdrawal of Interim Objection Letter, to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), dated March 2, 2017, for the City of Rusk (TX0054399). TCEQ Standard's team provided additional information, via email on February 13, 2017, justifying its decision not to include TDS limits in the draft permit. The information includes analytical for the influent source water, email communications showing that the source water has not changed, and confirming there are no industrial dischargers to this facility. TDS discharge monitoring report (DMR) data provide further evidence there are no industrial contributions to this facility. Additional TDS, chloride, and sulfate screening using segment harmonic mean flow confirm the discharge is not predicted to cause numeric criteria to be exceeded in the segment. **Greg Valentine, 665-3111**

CONFERENCE CALL REGARDING DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT FOR LOUISIANA OFFSHORE OIL PORT (LOOP): EPA and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) are drafting a joint reissuance permit for LOOP. On March 7, 2017, EPA R6 and LDEQ discussed the most recent proposal for addressing whole effluent toxicity (WET) at Outfall 004, which discharges brine from the Brine Storage Reservoir into an impaired waterbody. Significant amounts of brine water are utilized to manage the oil reserves. WET biomonitoring is used to ensure the state's water quality standard for "no discharge of toxics." This deepwater port receives and temporarily stores significant amounts of crude oil, and the facility has considerable onshore storage facilities and pipelines. **Isaac Chen, 665-7364;**

Silvia Bogdan, 665-2749; Kay Schwab, 665-6635

EPA RECEIVES A REVISED PRELIMINARY DRAFT PERMIT FROM ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ADEQ) FOR GEORGIA PACIFIC'S CROSSETT PAPER OPERATIONS: On March 6, 2017, the Water Division received a revised preliminary draft permit to review for Georgia Pacific - Crossett Paper Operations from ADEQ. This is a controversial permit which expired in October 2015. The facility discharges into Mossy Lake which flows through an environmental justice community. The community has expressed several concerns regarding the discharge. The Crossett community is one of EPA's Making Visible Difference Community. The Office of Research and Development is working with the Region to address a few issues from the Crossett community. In addition, the Ouachita Riverkeeper and Louisiana Environmental Action Network ("LEAN") have brought a complaint against the ADEQ under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and the EPA's implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7. **Monica Burrell, 665-7530**

TEXAS WQ-28 MEASURES: TCEQ received the WQ-28 universe and baseline spreadsheet that headquarters to evaluate for accuracy. Assessment, Listing, and TMDL staff followed up with TCEQ regarding some questions they had regarding the WQ-28 measure. TCEQ wanted to know why the WQ-28 universe seemed to be so much larger than the WQ-27 universe and why the baseline included older TMDLs. TCEQ did not understand that WQ-28 is more comprehensive and the universe encompasses all impaired waters; therefore, the baseline encompasses all of the older TMDLs. TCEQ is now better prepared to move forward with evaluating the WQ-28 universe and baselines provided by headquarters to review. **Selena Medrano, 665-2776**

EPA HOST A WEBCAST ON THE NEW TOOL "MODEL MY WATERSHED": On March 9, 2017, EPA presented a webcast, "Model My Watershed". It was a user friendly, online watershed modeling application that allowed users to learn how land use and soil together determined whether rainfall infiltrates into the soil, runs off into streams, or is evaporated and transpired by plants. This web tool was intended to provide an easy-to-use professional-grade water modeling package to inform land-use decisions, support conservation practices, and enhance watershed education. The webcast provided an overview and a demonstration of the application and highlighted how the tool was being used by several states for their total maximum daily load, nonpoint source, and municipal stormwater programs. **Linda Adams, 665-6546; Selena Medrano, 665-2776**

Regional Monitoring Coordinators Re-examine Section 305(B) Reporting Requirements: Region 6 monitoring staff is participating on a national workgroup to determine the role of the soon-to-be-redesigned ATTAINS database in 305(b) reporting and is considering whether certain portions of these reports can be streamlined. Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires states to report on the water quality status of their waters on a biannual basis, alongside the publication of their 303(d) lists. Reporting features of the new ATTAINs database are expected to fulfill many of these reporting requirements, although some sections of this report will require the continued development of narrative information describing how states' waters are achieving the goals of the Clean Water Act. EPA is evaluating how these narrative portions of the report can be streamlined and still meet EPA's information needs and the requirements of section 305(b). **Mike Schaub, 665-7314**

ASSESSMENT, LISTING, AND TMDL SECTON STAFF ATTEND OKLAHOMA TMDL STATE WORKGROUP ON MARCH 8, 2017: The state of Oklahoma held its quarterly TMDL State Workgroup meeting to discuss the current work being performed on

developing and implementing state TMDLs. Agency attendees were from Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Department of Environmental Quality, and Water Resources Board. The attendees also discussed future work on TMDLs in the 2017 fiscal year.
Lindsey Griffin, 665-2797