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From: Byron, Joseph [Byron.Joseph@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/9/2019 7:49:52 PM
To: Smith, Claudia [Smith.Claudia@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: EPA Concurrence Request TAT-Blue Buttes
Attachments: Targa TAT-Blue Buttes EA submittal and Concurrence.pdf; TAT Blue Buttes Compressor_Environmental Reevaluation_10092019.pdf; TAT Blue Buttes Compressor Class I report_10.9.2019.pdf

I will get a 30 day Letter out to Tammy.

Note the Cultural survey of artifacts in the Class 1 report marked "Privileged do not release"

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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 12:43 PM
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: EPA Concurrence Request TAT-Blue Buttes

Hello Ms. Smith,

Per your September 27, 2019 email below, Targa has completed an updated evaluation to document our procedures to address threatened and endangered species (TES) and historic properties for the TAT-Blue Buttes Compressor Station under the Federal Implementation Plan for True Minor Sources in Indian Country for Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Processing Segments of the Oil and Natural Gas Section. Both documents along with the original EA report is attached for your review. Targa is planning to install a new compressor and engine along with associated equipment (two condensate tanks, produced water tank and fugitive components. As stated previously, the equipment will be placed on the existing pad and no additional land will be disturbed.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call or email me.

Thanks,
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Tammy,

The evaluation summarized in the submittal for the existing station is from 2017. Though it is not likely that listed species or historic properties have changed much for the area and you are not expanding the footprint of the existing station, the Procedures to Address Threatened and Endangered Species and Historic Properties outlines that you should select an applicable eligibility criterion and provide documentation supporting the basis for the criterion selected.

Based on the 2017 submittal, the action area for the pad was identified as a 0.5 mile line of sight around the project area, and the conclusion was that no adverse effects to federally-listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat(s) of such species were likely. It is not clear that this modification was anticipated in the original evaluation by another federal agency, nor that the consultation remains current (e.g. there are no new species listed or critical habitat designation or new information); therefore, it is not clear if you meet all of the necessary information to select Criterion D.

I suggest verifying with the US FWS online mapping tool, the Information, Planning, and Consultation system at http://www.fws.gov/ipac/ that there have been no new species or critical habitat designations listed for the action area since the 2017 survey was completed. If the answer is no new information, and no adverse impacts are likely from the new engine, it seems appropriate to select Criterion B, and include documentation of the online verification of no new listing in addition to a narrative qualitative explanation of why you do not expect the original assessment to be different for the modification, including a discussion of the anticipated effects of the new engine (including additional air emissions, additional noise). If new listed species or critical habitat could exist within the action area, but no adverse effects of the modification are likely, then it would still be appropriate to select Criterion B, but also include a discussion of the distance between the site and the listed species or designated habitat (in miles).

Regarding historic properties, if earth disturbances that have occurred prior to the modification have eliminated the possibility that historic properties exist on the site or in the affected area, then you may select "no historic properties affected" and include appropriate documentation, which I suggest would include the verification in the National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places database at http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/research/index.htm that there is no new information since the 2017 survey was completed.

You can just reply all to this email with any necessary qualitative narratives and supporting attachments and we will prepare and send the necessary concurrence if everything looks good. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

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Hello Ms. Smith,

Targa is planning to add an additional engine at the TAT-Blue Buttes CS. The engine will be placed on the existing pad. No additional land will be disturbed. Please find attached the EA submittal and EPA's concurrence on the original project.

Please review and provide concurrence that this EA is still valid and completes the requirements for addressing threatened and endangered species and historic properties for this project.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Thanks,
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: EPA Concurrence Request TAT-Blue Buttes

Catherine,

Please find attached the EPA's written confirmation that Targa Badlands, LLC has satisfactorily completed the procedures to address threatened and endangered species and historic properties for the proposed TAT-Blue Buttes Compressor Station on Indian country lands within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

Thank you,

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Claudia,

Per our conversation this morning, here is the information you will need for the EPA concurrence for our proposed new site called "TAT-Blue Buttes". I believe the statements you are looking for regarding cultural resource are on pages 51 and 74 and the statements you are looking for regarding the ESA are on pages 48 and 49. We have also provided documentation of our communication with the tribe dated May 26.

I am having the two generators added to the EU list in the Part 1 and I will email that over today as well.

Thank you so much for your assistance!

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