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Subject: Materials for next Monday's advisory committee meeting
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Willamette Mercury MDV Advisory Committee:

We look forward to seeing everyone next Monday morning, December 10, for the second advisory committee meeting. As a reminder, it will be held at the Willow Lake Water Pollution Control Facility (5915 Windsor Island Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303) starting at 10 am.

Attached please find materials for the meeting, including:

1). The agenda; and
2). A working draft of procedures that DEQ will use to determine which expression of the "highest attainable condition" (HAC) or "highest attainable effluent condition" will apply for any given discharger asking for coverage under the MDV. The information in these procedures will eventually be incorporated into the Issue Paper developed for the rulemaking, but are currently worded to guide our discussions next week.

Please note much of the material in the draft HAC procedures document is preliminary. There are a number of questions that DEQ still needs to resolve in discussions with EPA. DEQ still has limited information with respect to the treatment capabilities of industrial dischargers, so much of the technical information regarding treatment relates to municipal wastewater treatment plants. That said, the same process for determining the appropriate HAC expression apply to both municipal and industrial dischargers.

Additional relevant materials for the meeting include:

- DEQ Internal Management Directive for Implementation of Methylmercury Criterion in NPDES Permits.
- EPA Region 5's Mercury Minimization Program Guidance
- Federal and state variance rules
- Meeting materials and summary from the first meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We will see you next Monday!

Sincerely,

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