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Re: Applications for NPDES Permits for Little Goose Lock and Dam, Lower Granite Lock and Dam, Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, and McNary Lock and Dam

Dear Mr. Redman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) is in receipt of your letter dated October 2, 2017 requesting a status report on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) NPDES permit applications for the above-listed projects.

The EPA received NPDES permit applications in the spring of 2015 for the above projects and reviewed them for completeness under 40 C.F.R. § 122.21(e)(1). Letters confirming the EPA's completeness determinations were sent to the Corps for each project. The applications have been added to the Region's NPDES Permit workplan and will be assigned for permit development when the schedule allows. To date the EPA has focused on developing a NPDES general permit for hydroelectric facilities located in the State of Idaho. Once that permit is completed, the EPA will begin work on the above-listed projects.

If you have questions, you may contact me or Dru Keenan of my staff. She may be reached at [HYPERLINK "mailto:keenan.dru@epa.gov"] or (206) 553-1219.

Sincerely,

Karen Burgess, Acting Manager
NPDES Permits Unit