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Thank you very much for the meeting on the Washington federal dams NPDES permits on Friday, 11/30. We appreciated the issues, questions, and concerns you raised on the permits. We also appreciated the conversation around ideas and advice for moving forward in addressing concerns and speaking with the Tribal Council.

As discussed at the meeting, I'm forwarding to you the pre-draft permit and Fact Sheet for the Grand Coulee Dam. This is very similar to the Lower Columbia and Lower Snake River dam permits and will also have the same changes we discussed in the meeting. We also look forward working together on the different issues we discussed on stormwater runoff, oil and water discharges, PCB discharges, temperature, and other issues.

We found out that on Friday as we were meeting, a court granted EPA's request for a stay on issuing the Columbia River temperature TMDL. It was originally going to be issued on December 17. It is unclear when it will be issued as it depends on a number of factors. I'm sure the EPA TMDL team will be sending a message once they have more information. This may or may not affect the timing of when we go out for public comment on the permits, and we'll be discussing internally. However, at this point, I believe I would go out for public comment either end of December or early January. I'm not sure if this affects the timing of when you believe Chris Hladick, Dan Opalski, and EPA support staff should brief the Tribal Council but wanted to let you know in case it does.

Thanks again. I'm sure we'll be in touch in the next week or two, but if you have any questions in the interim, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,
Jenny Wu with Mike Lidgard, Martin Merz, Courtney Weber