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Re: Progress on permit applications for Ice Harbor Lock and Dam (WA0026816), Lower Monumental Lock and Dam (WA0026808), Little Goose Lock and Dam (WA0026786), Lower Granite Lock and Dam (WA0026794), and McNary Lock and Dam (WA0026824)

Dear Mr. Redman:

This letter is in response to your letter sent on September 4, 2018 requesting a status update on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit applications for Ice Harbor Lock and Dam (WA0026816), Lower Monumental Lock and Dam (WA0026808), Little Goose Lock and Dam (WA0026786), Lower Granite Lock and Dam (WA0026794), and McNary Lock and Dam (WA0026824).

We are currently in the process of writing the NPDES permits for these facilities based on information from the NPDES permit applications submitted in 2015 and from additional information received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The EPA is awaiting responses to our request for preliminary draft Clean Water Act Section 401 certifications from the Clean Water Act Section 401 certifying authorities. In addition, two Tribal Governments have indicated an interest in possible government-to-government tribal consultation on these permits. As a result, we cannot specify when the draft permits will be available for public comment and when final permits will be issued. However, we are working to complete these NPDES permits as expediently as possible given these additional processes.

The EPA will continue to keep you up to date on the progress of these permits as we develop them. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855, or contact Jenny Wu of my staff at (206) 553-6328 or by email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov"].

Sincerely,

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