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Sent: 2/13/2019 10:59:51 PM
To: Wu, Jennifer [Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: U.S. News & World Report story

Maybe CNN is next...

From: Wu, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 12:45 PM
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Subject: FW: U.S. News & World Report story

FYI – Mike, in case you didn't see this from Mark, it's an inquiry from US News and World Report on the WA hydro permits. Laurie, FYI, in case it bleeds into the TMDL.

From: MacIntyre, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 12:38 PM
To: Leins, Casey <CLeins@usnews.com>
Subject: RE: U.S. News & World Report story

Casey: Again, thanks for your inquiry. Here is what we are saying on this matter at this time(Please attribute to "EPA"):

"EPA has determined that the preliminary draft permits for which we had requested water quality certification need additional internal review. Therefore, we have withdrawn our requests for water quality certification at this time. We fully intend to reinitiate our requests for water quality certification after we have completed our internal review and updated the preliminary draft permits, as appropriate."

Mark

From: Leins, Casey <CLeins@usnews.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:45 AM
To: MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: U.S. News & World Report story

Hi Mark,

I completely understand, I know you all got hit very hard!

Thanks for working on this.

Best,

Casey

From: MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 2:24:35 PM
To: Leins, Casey
Subject: RE: U.S. News & World Report story

Thanks for your note Casey! Just wanted to let you know that we're still digging out here in Seattle, but I'm working on your request…

Mark MacIntyre

From: Leins, Casey <CLeins@usnews.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:06 AM
To: MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: U.S. News & World Report story

Hi Mark,

My name is Casey Leins, and I'm a reporter at U.S. News & World Report in Washington, D.C. I'm writing a story exploring how federal dam operators on the Columbia Snake rivers might soon have to follow state regulations.

I spoke with Colleen Keltz at the Department of Ecology, and she told me the EPA recently withdrew its applications for 401 certification for the dams. I would like to speak with you about why the EPA took this actions.

Do you have any time today or Thursday for a brief phone interview? I would really like to get the EPA's voice in the story.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Casey

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