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Subject: Follow-up on NPDES permits

Hi Mary Lou and Laurie,

Just to follow up from our call today, here's what I have:

Communication/Coordination

1. Federal Caucus
    a. Jenny should consider giving a short presentation on the permits for the 4 lower Columbia River dams, 4 lower Snake River dams, and the Grand Coulee.
    b. Jenny will work with Mary Lou on setting up a potential time as well as content and will also talk over with Mike Lidgard and Susan.
2. Tribal
    a. Mary Lou, can you send me a list of tribal contacts for the Umatilla, Warm Springs, Yakama, and Cowlitz Tribes? I have the contacts for Spokane and Colville. If you think that I should also contact other tribes, please send me their contacts.
    b. Jenny will work on sending out tribal coordination letters on the NPDES permits.
    c. Jenny will work with Mary Lou on a potential presentation for tribes, esp. for Colville and Spokane re: TAS WQS and for other tribes.
    d. Jenny will draft a short list of talking points for Laurie and Mary Lou to share with tribes, if appropriate, for 8/14 meeting. (see below)
3. Future coordination
    a. Jenny will set up placeholders for future coordination every three weeks. We can cancel if call isn't necessary.

Bullets/Talking Points for Tribes or Federal Caucus

- EPA is working on issuing individual permits for the four lower Columbia River (Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, and McNary), four lower Snake River (Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite), and the Grand Coulee dams.
- These permits will cover discharges of oil and grease from non-contact cooling water, maintenance waters, and equipment and floor drain discharges from outfalls. It will not cover discharges from the spillway or waters behind the reservoir. These permits will be similar to the Idaho General Permit for hydroelectric facilities that were out for public comment. They are also available online at https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/draft-npdes-general-permit-hydroelectric-generating-facilities-idaho.
- EPA plans to go out for public comment on these permits in late September 2018. These permits are part of an initiative from EPA Headquarters to issue permits for new permit applications by December 31, 2018.
- EPA had originally planned to issue a general permit for Washington hydroelectric dams. Because of time constraints and additional administrative steps for general permits, EPA has decided to issue individual permits instead.
- We want to make sure anyone who is interested stays informed. For interested tribes, we will set up a call to discuss the permit and listen to questions or concerns. For federal agencies, we will also set up a time to discuss the permit and listen to questions or concerns.

Thanks for all your help, and let me know if you have any questions or need more info!
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