401 Certification Timeline for Nine Federal Dams

- September 19, 2018 – EPA first requests preliminary certification for:
  - Bonneville Project, NPDES Permit No. WA0026778
  - The Dalles Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026701
  - John Day Project, NPDES Permit No. WA0026832
  - McNary Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026824
- September 20, 2018 – EPA first requests preliminary certification for:
  - Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026816
  - Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026808
  - Little Goose Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026786
  - Lower Granite Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026794
- October 4, 2018 – EPA first requests preliminary certification for:
  - Grand Coulee Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026867
- October 12, 2018 – Ecology requests more time to complete review.
- October 19, 2018 – EPA responds with request for certification by December 18, 2019.
- October 24, 2018 – EPA and Ecology staff meet to discuss request.
- December 7, 2018 – Ecology requests a 45-day extension.
- December 14, 2018 – EPA extends certification deadline to February 1, 2019.
- December 28, 2018 – EPA furloughs staff starting at midnight due to the federal government shutdown.
- January 25, 2019 – Ecology Director Bellon requests an extension to allow Ecology time to complete state public notice processes.
- January 25, 2019 – Regional Administrator Hladick indicates support for time extension.
- January 28, 2019 – EPA staff return to work and grant extension to February 28, 2019.
- January 30, 2019 – Ecology public notices the request for 401 certification for a 20-day comment period ending at midnight on February 19, 2019.
- February 1, 2019 – EPA withdraws request for 401 certification.