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Reply to
Attn of: OWW-191

Mr. Todd Thorn
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Office of Environmental Trust
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
P.O. Box 150
Nespelem, WA 99155

Re: Request for Preliminary Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification of NPDES Draft Permit for Grand Coulee Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026867

Dear Mr. Thorn:

Enclosed is a preliminary draft of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and fact sheet for the Grand Coulee Dam.

We are asking for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Tribes) to review and provide a preliminary Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification for this permit action. If we receive the certification prior to public notice of the permit, we will include a reference to Colville Tribes' certification in the public notice along with a copy of the certification in the fact sheet. The public notice of the permit may also fulfill Colville Tribes' public notice requirements for certification under CWA Section 401(a)(1). If possible, we would appreciate a response within 30 days.

Since this preliminary draft is not intended for review outside of the Colville Tribes, we appreciate your discretion in retaining it within the department.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Wu at 206-553-6328 or 1-800-424-4372 ext. 6328, or Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov. We look forward to your comments on this draft permit.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures