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Thanks for the update, Jenny.

Have a great weekend.

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Hello,

Here's a quick update on the upcoming NPDES permits for the federal dams in Washington.

1. Timelines – There are several moving parts on the upcoming NPDES permits for the federal dams in Washington, which we are working on before going out for public notice. These include development of the Columbia River temperature TMDL and potential impacts on temperature limits in permits, comments from Ecology on the pre-draft permits, possible comments from Colville Tribe on the pre-draft Grand Coulee permit, communications with tribes that requested formal tribal consultation, and resolution of other policy issues. Having said that, the communication among the different entities has been good, and we are making steady progress on the permits. At this point, the earliest we would go out for public comment is mid-December. As in previous emails, the next steps of the permit are: 1) public comment draft; 2) incorporation of comments and request for final 401 certification on the permits from certifying authorities; 3) 2nd public comment, if needed for any significant changes; 4) incorporation of any 401 cert conditions in the permits; 5) permit issuance.

2. Tribal consultation letters – Thanks very much to all who responded on the tribal consultation request letters to Tribal Chairs. If you haven't contacted me and are still interested in formal tribal consultation, please feel free to let me know.

As we discussed earlier, when EPA goes out for public comment on these permits, I'll hold another webinar for those interested in the details of the permits. If you have any questions or would like more information, please let me know.

Have a great weekend,

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