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Subject: FYI: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

Hi Taylor,

My name is Jenny Wu, and I'm in EPA's NPDES Permits Unit. I got your name from Mary Lou Soscia at EPA. I'm writing to let you know that I'm working on permits for the four lower Columbia River dams (Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, McNary), the four lower Snake River dams (Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite), and the Grand Coulee dam. These are permits primarily for oil and grease from facility operations and cooling water in dam operations. The permits do not cover spills over the dam, temperatures from reservoirs spilling into the river, or spill volumes.

I'm writing to let you know that we'll be sending out a letter shortly with more information and also be setting up a call in the next 3-4 weeks where we can share more information on the permits. We plan to public notice them in mid-September and issue them at the end of November 2018. They are likely to be very similar to the draft Idaho General Permit for Hydroelectric Facilities that EPA recently public noticed. These are at https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/draft-npdes-general-permit-hydroelectric-generating-facilities-idaho. The permits will likely include limits and monitoring requirements for oil and grease among other pollutants, focus on best management practices to minimize and control the use of oil and grease, and provide for contingencies if oil and grease are released.

Please feel free to call or email me if you'd like more information. Otherwise, I'll plan on including you on future communications to keep you informed as we move forward.

Sincerely,
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