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FYI –
Chris wanted edits and Michelle took a cut at it. This looks good to me for sending back (which Chris will do). Michelle was worried that the footnote might be messed up. Can one of you who is smarter than I am about footnotes in Word take a look and fix it if needed. Goes without saying that we shouldn't edit anything at this point (but somehow, I still felt obligated to say it).

I'll get this to Chris tomorrow to send on. MP said she'd make sure that happened timely.

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Hi Lauris,

Here is a suggested edited version, I'm pretty sure my edits messed up the footnote and it got too messy for redline/strikeout. I'm happy to talk this through if that helps, I shortened/edited and reordered some things.

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Hi Chris

WD and ECAD managers spent some time redrafting and reviewing the LUB GWMA letter to state agencies, to reflect the input from Susan Bodine and David Ross. That is, we are noting where we think the state agencies are doing well in managing their regulatory programs, even as we continue to ask for confirmation of data on private wells and suggest the gap in this data should be closed.

If you are comfortable transmitting the attached letter, I suggest the following language or something similar for the transmittal email:

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To: Dave Ross, Anna Wildeman, Susan Bodine & David Fotouey:
RE: Draft R10 Letter to OR state agencies re: Umatilla Nitrates

Following the awareness briefing Region 10 staff provided to OW and OECA on June 4, 2020, we are transmitting a revised draft letter for your review.

As discussed, this letter clarifies the focus of EPA's inquiry in response to the SDWA 1431 petition from Food and Water Watch. We added additional information describing our review to date & acknowledge the State's existing efforts for additional context. We have emphasized EPA's willingness to assist the state in this matter. This letter and the state's response will provide additional information for EPA to respond to the Petitioner, which Region 10 committed to do in our receipt acknowledgement letter to the Petitioner dated January 29, 2020.

Please have your staff contact Jeff Kenknight or CAPT Matt Martinson here in Region 10 with any comments you have, or contact me if you wish to discuss any issues. We hope to send this letter within the next few weeks as we continue our evaluation of the petition.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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