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Thanks Mat. Try to stay awake.

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I've joined. fyi

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That's helpful Mat. And this is reminding me that she may ask about [redacted].

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Mark –

We have no information on what prompted the request for an advisory briefing. The Principle Deputy AA for Water requested it of the RA – no reason provided that I have seen. The RA wanted to be responsive and asked that the letter be held until we brief OW leadership.

That's the extent of what we know. I am anticipating (in terms of my preparation) that there is interest due to the Non-responsive per user agreement, and that there might be a question as to why we're involved if there's no Public Water System (PWS) issue.

I hope that helps. I know it's not a complete answer, but it's what I can offer.

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Let's not send anything just yet. We can assess Susan's interest and needs after the discussion with her. Could be quick. Or the region might just get grilled and nailed to the wall.

Just kidding. My guess is a few minutes and she'll want to know what prompted the briefing.

Mark

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Thanks Mat! Mark and Joe, I defer to you but b/c it is close to call time with Susan/Larry maybe we just say we can forward the invite for June 4 meeting and the associated materials from Region 10. But just not do so before the call, which is in less than an hour. It may be confusing since papers for the other topics went up yesterday for today's Weekly. Thoughts?

And thank you again Region 10 folks for joining the call at 3:30 pm EST today on such short notice.

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These are the documents sent to OW Leadership via the established briefing process. The 2nd document is the briefing paper. The LUBGWMA briefing has been collaboratively developed within R10, and the RA reviewed it before it was sent. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mat

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Mat – can you share the latest? Thanks

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Thank you so much!! I don't expect any substantive issues to come up, but just in case we of course wanted the Region on the line. Mark, re: your earlier question, I believe Region 10 is still working on a draft briefing paper for the June 4 meeting. We haven't seen a draft yet.

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Hi Carol – I'll join as well, but will defer to Mr. Kenknight as the ECAD Branch Chief. Thanks for the inclusion!

Mat

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Hi Peter, Jeff and Mat,

Please see the note below. We mentioned to Susan that there's the Dave Ross briefing next week in the LUB matter. She wants to discuss it briefly today during our OCE weekly with her, which starts at 3:30 pm EST. It sounds like Region 10 folks will already be on the line for Non-responsive per user agreement (Ed I'm guessing). Are you able to join by phone? If not, no worries it shouldn't be a long or substantive discussion. Again, we just wanted to flag the June 4 AA level briefing for her. Apologies for the short notice. Please call me if you have any questions. I'll send you the invite too in case you can join.

Thanks,
Carol

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Yes, let's discuss

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Susan,

Region 10 is scheduled to provide an informational briefing for Dave Ross and Anna Wildeman on June 4 about the Lower Umatilla Basin nitrate contamination in Oregon. We have been working with Region 10 since it received a SDWA Section 1431 petition earlier this year (attached for your reference). WED intends to join the June 4 briefing. We wanted to flag it for you in case you have questions or plan to join. If you'd like, we can discuss at this afternoon's OCE Weekly.

Thanks
Mark

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