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CC: Davies, Lauris [Davies.Lauris@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Draft OHA letter for R10 Review -- revised 06 08

Nothing from me, but I appreciate being on the email string to track.

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Jeff: Attached is a clean copy of the letter for Lauris' review.

Peter

Suggested Draft R10 Transmittal Email for HQ review of Revised Letter: (from RA Hladick):
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.

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Peter – this looks good including Mat's suggested language. I added a minor edit to the ODA permit reference earlier in the letter. I also asked a question about whether we should now share the petition materials with the state so they can check for accuracy (2nd to last paragraph).

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Peter, I concur with everything except I think a clarity of the key point has gotten a little lost. I suggested this addition to the 2nd paragraph. The yellow highlight is my addition. It's in the document you shared as well.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Jeff/Mat/Clarke: Attached is my attempt at revising the letter follow last week's briefing.

Please review and comment in the document.

Carol: This version has not been reviewed by other R10 reviewers yet, and is not ready for broader OECA (OGC) or OW review. I am sharing with you for early coordination and communication only to expedite the process.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: FYI: Food & Water Watch sues for ID CAFO General Permit

Thanks Peter. Can we please touch base briefly on Tuesday about the revised letter to Oregon? I'm meeting with Rosemarie in the morning and plan to tell her the Region has the pen, but that OECA will see a revised version this week that Susan can review.

Please let me know how I can help.

Thanks,
Carol

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FYI ONLY....Nick Peak shared this morning at WD hot topics --Food and Water Watch is the organization who sent the petition for SDWA 1431 in Lower Umatilla. Not sure how many other matters they are looking into in other regions...

https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/news/groups-sue-epa-unlawfully-using-clean-water-act-let-factory-farms-pollute-secretly

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