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CC: Holsinger, Hannah [Holsinger.Hannah@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: CMS Supporting Assignment - AX-20-000-2522_SDWA Petition
Attachments: Control Slip.pdf; 20-000-2514_2_SDWA Petition6 of 6.pdf; 20-000-2515_2.Heinzen.5of6.pdf; 20-000-2516_2_SDWA Petition 4of6.pdf; 20-000-2517_2_SDWA Petition 3of 6.pdf; 20-000-2519_2_SDWA Petition 2of6.pdf; 20-000-2520_2_SDWA Petition 1of6.pdf; 20-000-2522.pdf

Importance: High

Anita and Cathy,

EPA Region 10 has been "petitioned" by a confederation of many environmental groups regarding nitrates in eastern Oregon. The last attachment (20-000-2522) is the actual petition. They contend that the contamination is from CAFOs. It's not a new issue, as a groundwater management area was established by the Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and others many years ago. I have an article I'll forward that does a really good job of explaining the situation.

It's relevant for the Drinking Water program because they're petitioning EPA to use it's 1431 authority under the SDWA.

At this point, we've had one meeting with Regional Counsel, Enforcement, and our Public Affairs people. Based on a similar situation in Region 5, it sounds like this will be a many year effort and interaction.

Note: The petition was addressed to the Administrator and the Regional Administrator.

I invite any insight or input you might have.

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Mat, filename 20-000-2522 is the main petition document, all others are attachments are supporting documents. With the NPDES petition submitted back in 2017, our initial response was acknowledging the petition. That 2017 petition remains unsolved.
I here's a link to the NPDES petition folder, and the letter we sent in response.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Patheal, Bella <Patheal.Bella@epa.gov>
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From: Heinzen, Tarah; Lobdell, Tyler
Subject: Reading File - Petition for Emergency Action Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act to Protect Citizens of the Lower Umatilla Basin in Oregon from Imminent and Substantial Endangerment to Public Health Caused by Nitrate Contamination of Public Water Systems and Underground Sources of Drinking Water
Instructions: AR - ACTION REQUIRED - Please take the action requested in this communication.
Due Date: January 31, 2020

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