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From: Burgess, Karen [Burgess.Karen@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/17/2020 7:46:17 PM
To: Martinson, Mathew [martinson.mathew@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CMS Supporting Assignment - AX-20-000-2522_SDWA Petition

I have time to for the short meeting this afternoon. I agree we need to assist with a public statement, but the petition and supporting documents are nearly 1500 pages. An appropriate response at this point is that we received the petition and are reviewing in accordance with our statutory and regulatory authority. In my view, the more pressing issue for the section/branch is to support the CMS assignment to meet the Jan 31st deadline. From my experience, even a general letter acknowledging receipt and a brief statement about the process of review going forward will take time to write up and route for internal review.

As far as review of petition, looking at data...that will take some time and thought about how to proceed. I quickly scanned the 1500 pages, much of the data submitted to support the petition are from public (agency) document which cite SDWIS data, etc.. I don't think we are quite ready to assign staff tasks at this point. Let's develop the overall strategy for addressing the allegations cite in the petition before we dig into the data.

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Karen,

If you intend to be off, I can include Chris as your actor. I don't think we're going to resolve everything today. This is really prompted by Suzanne S pressing for a more substantial response to the media. Dan asked me to move things along on his behalf.

One thing that I feel like we need to do is to confirm that the drinking water data included in the petition is valid. I'm interested in your thoughts on how far to go with that validation to be able to accept that the data is not in dispute. Can Chris get going on that?

Mat

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Importance: High

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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