Message

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Sent: 12/16/2020 8:21:36 PM
To: Gettle, Jeaneanne [Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov]
CC: Nagrani, Kavita [Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov]; Palmer, Leif [Palmer.Leif@epa.gov]; Armor, Suzanne [Armor.Suzanne@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request for Government-to-Government Consultation EPA and USACOE- State of Florida 404 Assumption

Jeaneanne,

Here is the response we suggest, this includes edits by Leif.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: RE: Request for Government-to-Government Consultation EPA and USACOE- State of Florida 404 Assumption

No problem – consider whether we should have you (or leif or Kavita) take on the rest of the communication since she is their Counsel. I am ok either way.

jmg

From: Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Request for Government-to-Government Consultation EPA and USACOE- State of Florida 404 Assumption

We have drafted an email response but am running it by Leif for him to weight in. Will get back to you on this as soon as I hear from Leif.

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From: Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Request for Government-to-Government Consultation EPA and USACOE- State of Florida 404 Assumption

All,

Can you please assist me in crafting the appropriate answer to this email.

Thanks
Jeaneanne

From: Jeanine Bennett <JeanineB@miccosukeetribe.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>
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Jeaneanne,

Please clarify this letter. If I understand EPA's response to my request, you indicate that you are unwilling and refuse to discuss this very important issue with the Miccosukee until AFTER you have approved Florida's program and only when there is a specific piece of land that may be at issue. Is that correct?

Jeanine

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Jeanine,

Thank you for your email below. Our response is attached. EPA also, via separate email, responded to the Miccosukee Tribe's comments relative to the NHPA consultation on Florida's Request to assume a CWA Section 404 Program. That email included a response to comments from all consulting parties. If you would like a copy of that email or have any questions on this matter, please let me know.

Thank you,
Jeaneanne

From: Jeanine Bennett <JeanineB@miccosukeetribe.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; Pugh, Katherine <Pugh.Katherine@epa.gov>; Shawn.H.Zinszer@usace.army.mil
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Subject: Request for Government-to-Government Consultation EPA and USACOE- State of Florida 404 Assumption

Jeaneanne,

I have been informed that I will need to make this formal request for further consultation with the EPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the State of Florida's Assumption of 404 Permitting. The Miccosukee made this request verbally during our annual meeting wherein both the EPA and USACOE were present. However, I understand that you require the Tribe to make this request again and in writing. Please advise as to your availability for this consultation to proceed.

Thank you,

Jeanine

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