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Subject: RE: RB1 SNC inspections - June 7

Hi Erin,

I hope there is a way we can work together on this. We always welcome the state's input and I wish we got it earlier when it would have been easier for us to change plans. It will be very difficult for us to change our plans at this point and I would like to stick to the plan to inspect facilities in RB1 if possible. PG has already started spending money by doing planning work for these specific inspection targets and we have made travel plans. Is it possible for you to hold off on your inspection of Ukiah this week, so we can all go there together next week? PG would lead the inspection and write the inspection report with your participation and input.

Four of the five facilities we plan to inspect are due for inspection under the CMS.

- City of Eureka Elk River (major) NPDES Permit CA0024449, last inspection 06/20/2019 (due this month)
- City of Arcata NPDES (major) Permit CA0022713, last inspection 08/21/2019
- City of Ukiah NPDES (major) Permit CA0022888, last inspection 02/28/2019 (overdue)
- City of Rio Dell NPDES Permit CA0022748, last inspection 06/18/2019
- Forestville Water District NPDES Permit CA0023043, last inspection 09/24/2014 (overdue)

If you have concerns, let me know as soon as possible. It may be easiest for us to all get together to talk through the issues. We can be available to chat tomorrow morning.

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Michael,

I apologize for not getting back to you earlier. I didn't understand the urgency until I spoke with Matthew. We are going to need to redirect these resources. Unfortunately, we have ongoing enforcement for three of the four facilities, including engaging in confidential settlement negotiations with Ukiah. We have an inspection planned for Ukiah next week.

I will send you a list of alternative facilities on Tuesday. It will likely be facilities in the Los Angeles region, which should be easier for PG to navigate.

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EXTERNAL:

Hi Erin and Matt,
EPA Region 9 was given some funds from headquarters for contractor SNC inspections that needs to be spent by July. After speaking with Beth Aubuchon, we thought there might be a good geographic cluster of SNC facilities in RB1 driving south from Eureka.

There is enough contactor money for 3, maybe 4 inspections. Ideally they would cover: Rio Dell, Ukiah, Forestville, maybe Elk River or Fortuna or TBD. The contractor is free the week of June 7 so we are moving to finalize the facility list soon.

I do not know if EPA staff would join the inspections but state staff are more than welcome and could be involved for training purposes.
Please let me know if you think this is a good list of facilities or have others in mind.
Appreciate any feedback or input!
Thanks,
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