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From: Bouma, Stacey [Bouma.Stacey@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2020 3:28:19 PM
To: Gordon, Lisa Perras [Gordon.Lisa-Perras@epa.gov]
CC: Cooper, Jamal [cooper.jamal@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: AG Certifications--matters still pending? - response from Tony...

I think the direction it to start talking internally and figure out next steps (e.g., we'd need to get another attorney assigned and brought up to speed, we'd need to reinitiate with HQ).
Here's what Tony wrote based on his conversation with Jeaneanne on 4/23.

4/23 – Lisa reach out to new liaison. Get new EPA attorney. After PARS Start briefing up the line to Corey by mid May.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gordon, Lisa Perras <Gordon.Lisa-Perras@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Bouma, Stacey <Bouma.Stacey@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: AG Certifications--matters still pending? - response from Tony...

That would be helpful to talk as I did not think that there was a current discussion with HQ on this, so do you know what Tony is referring to?

I had thought that we had internally decided to pause at the Division level. I would like to recommend that we not engage HQ until we talk internally. Would that be acceptable?

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From: Bouma, Stacey
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Lisa, here is Tony's response. He met with Jeaneanne last week and she has asked that we re-engage with HQs. Let's talk later this week.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Able, Tony <Able.Tony@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: AG Certifications--matters still pending?

We are still having conversation with HQ staff about it.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Booth, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Booth@dnr.ga.gov>
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To: Cooper, Jamal <cooper.jamal@epa.gov>; Able, Tony <Able.Tony@epa.gov>; Bouma, Stacey <Bouma.Stacey@epa.gov>
Cc: Welte, Jennifer <Jennifer.Welte@dnr.ga.gov>; James.Capp@dnr.ga.gov
Subject: FW: AG Certifications--matters still pending?

Could you let me know what the status is regarding EPA's approval of Georgia's narrative water quality criteria. Thanks Liz

From: Welte, Jennifer <Jennifer.Welte@dnr.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Booth, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Booth@dnr.ga.gov>
Subject: RE: AG Certifications--matters still pending?

Liz, as far as you know, we haven't yet heard back from/received approval or denial of the narrative water quality standards yet from EPA, have we? I have not heard anything.

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Jennifer and Jay,
Can you confirm if we've heard back from EPA about either of the regulatory/program approvals related to the attached Attorney General certifications?

I believe that the UST one is for the SPA that we received this fall, but want to confirm.

Jennifer, the water one is NOT drinking water like I mentioned on our call (I hadn't seen the cert yet), but narrative water quality standard. I presume we still haven't heard back on that one.
Laura

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