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Dear Ms. van Saun, Ms. Mendoza, Ms. Heinzen and Ms. Sinclair:

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 26, 2021, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrator Michael Regan, transmitting a petition requesting that the EPA act using emergency authority in Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act to investigate and address persistent nitrate groundwater contamination in the Lower Yakima Valley, Washington. The Administrator has asked that I respond on his behalf. The EPA is reviewing your petition. My staff will contact you shortly to ensure that Region 10 has all available information related to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Kenknight, Chief of our Water and Field Enforcement Branch, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, at (206) 553-6641 or Kenknight.Jeff@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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