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Hi Chris-

This Friday, Feb 9, you will be meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers, including Sheila Newman (Deputy Chief of the Regulatory Division and Pebble Project Manager) and Mike Montone (Acting Chief of the Regulatory Division).

David and I will be participating via VTC from Seattle.

The meeting was set up as a meet & greet. We would also like to discuss the Corps' 1/9 cooperating agency invite letter and our 1/29 response. As you are aware, the Corps' requested that our involvement as a NEPA cooperating agency be limited to CWA 404(b)(1) guidelines expertise, which is inconsistent with the broad and early involvement that we have, historically and currently, as a cooperating agency on other EISs with the Corps and other Federal agencies.

Our response letter requests that the Corps reconsider and invite us to have broader involvement and we requested a meeting to discuss.

I just wanted to be sure that you had the latest correspondence between EPA and the Corps, which is attached, and that you are particularly aware of our 1/29 response letter. Based on a call yesterday with Sheila, it appears that despite our request for broad and collaborative involvement, the Corps may be sticking to its original narrow invite.

In addition, to discussing our cooperating agency involvement on Pebble, it would be helpful to understand whether the Corps sees this as setting a new precedent for our involvement on future Corps-led EISs in Alaska.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information before the meeting.

Best,

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