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Hello all –

Welcome to the NEPA review/permit oversight team for the Pebble Project. In a separate email, I will be sending you an invite for a team meeting to discuss the project, roles, etc. The purpose of this email is to provide you with a summary of the current status, access to documents, and information about an upcoming pre-scoping meeting.

Status: The Pebble Limited Partnership submitted a CWA 404 permit application to the US Army Corps of Engineers on Dec. 22. The Corps has determined that the application is complete and has started planning the NEPA process. The Corps is the lead federal agency preparing the EIS and plans to process the CWA 404 application concurrently. EPA has been invited to be a cooperating agency. EIS scoping is projected to occur this spring after a third-party contractor is brought on board and a scoping package developed. In addition to involvement in the EIS process, we will also be involved in 404, air permit, and APDES permit oversight. Applications for the State permits have not yet been submitted.

NEPA/permit oversight team: Below is the current team roster representing the lead individuals in these areas. It is anticipated that additional folks from ORD will be added to the team as they have expertise from work on the Watershed Assessment. Other folks from the Region and OW may be involved at certain times to assist the program or technical leads. For example, Mary Anne Thiesing, Heather Dean, and Palmer Hough (OW) will offer 404 support.

Project manager – Patty McGrath

NEPA lead – Molly Vaughn

404 lead – Matt LaCroix

NEPA associate reviewers

Water/mining - Cindi Godsey

Air– Jay McAlpine and Karl Pepple

Geochemistry – Chris Eckley

Hydrogeology/hydrology – Tim Maley

Wetlands/aquatics - Matt

APDES oversight – Cindi

Air permit oversight – Jay, Karl

Ocean dumping (not part of project description, potential alternative) – Chris Meade

Tribal – Neverly Shoemake

ORC – Ashley Palomaki

Sharepoint site: Molly will be helping to set up a Sharepoint site for the project.

Project information: Attached is the Project Description, which was provided by the Applicant to the Corps with the 404 permit application. The 404 application is also available and will be put on the sharepoint site (let me know if you want to see it sooner).

Jan. 18 Pre-scoping meeting: Attached is an agenda for a pre-scoping meeting that the Corps is hosting in Anchorage with potential cooperating agencies. The morning is focused on a presentation of the project by the Applicant and Q&A. The afternoon will be an agency-only discussion of the Cooperating Agency Plan and next steps in the NEPA process. Molly, Matt,

and I will be attending the meeting in person. The meeting will be a webinar and I am working on getting a room here in Seattle so that you can participate in the morning session. I will send invites for the morning and afternoon sessions.

Team meetings: I will be sending invites for a team kickoff meeting to occur before the 18tt. During that meeting we will decide on a time that works for folks for a regular team meeting.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks-

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