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EPA Suspends Withdrawal of Proposed CWA 404(c) Determination in the Bristol Bay Watershed: On January 26, Regional Administrator Hladick signed a federal register notice announcing that EPA has decided not to withdraw the Proposed CWA Section 404(c) Determination for the Bristol Bay Watershed, issued by Region 10 in 2014. The FR notice on this action is expected to be published this week. (www.epa.gov/bristolbay). Contact: M. Szerlog (3-0279)

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Pebble Project EIS Development: On January 29, EPA responded to the US Army Corps of Engineers - Alaska District's request to consider serving as a cooperating agency on the development of the Pebble Project Environmental Impact Statement. Last month, the Pebble Limited Partnership submitted an application for a Corps' permit to discharge fill material to waters of the U.S., pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The permit application triggered the environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act, prior to permit issuance by the Alaska District. The Corps' invitation on the development of the Pebble Project EIS differs from other requests in that it limits EPA's role as a cooperating agency to early access to, and engagement in only the the section related to the CWA 404(b)(1)

Guidelines. The EPA's response to Colonel Brooks (Alaska District) requests a meeting to discuss EPA's special expertise and program authorities/responsibilities that would assist the Corps in developing the EIS in the most effective and efficient manner, and allow for the opportunity to engage earlier with the Corps on additional aspects of EIS development. EPA has more than a decade of experience with this project to bring to the cooperating agency team. The opportunity for early engagement on the entire EIS will help EPA identify and resolve concerns regarding alternatives development, project impacts, mitigation measures and other aspects of NEPA compliance early enough in the process to keep EIS development moving. Region 10 is committed to responding to the Corps on the cooperating agency invitation after the meeting to discuss EPA's role takes place. Contact: David Allnutt (3-2581), Patty McGrath (3-6113), Jill Nogi (3-1841), Molly Vaughan (1-1215)

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