Message

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Sent: 8/17/2020 10:47:15 PM
To: McGrath, Patricia [mcgrath.patricia@epa.gov]; Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pebble letter update to leadership

Thanks Patty. I think for now we just sit back and let OFA and OW work through this before we put pen to paper. Good for that coordination within HQ to work out now before trying to get the next version of the letter done.

From: McGrath, Patricia <mcgrath.patricia@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Chu, Rebecca <Chu.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Pebble letter update to leadership

Hi Rebecca-
The letter that I just sent you did not reflect this revised version from OFA which responds to OW comments but not OGC comments. It was not clear that OFA was going to turn this around today.
Patty

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Cc: Frazer, Brian <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>; Szelag, Matthew <Szelag.Matthew@epa.gov>; Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>; Wehling, Carrie <Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov>; Tomiak, Robert <tomiak.robert@epa.gov>; Vaughan, Molly <Vaughan.Molly@epa.gov>
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Thanks Palmer.

I was able to resolve and close out the comments you had except for 5 that you had questions one. I provided an alternative language on the Bulk TSF that I think reads clearer and responses to the other 4 on the intent that may help you or others come up with alternate language if mine still isn't working.

Molly/Matt – the other comments that are just me with no response from Palmer. I think you all need to check to see if they are OK.

Once again, the intent of these edits isn't to change the purpose of the comment or "sugar coat" but to keep the comments factual, neutral tone, and constructive.

Thanks!
Cindy

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Folks

Russ and I coordinated on the suggested edits, our comments and edits are in the attached. In some places we agree, in other places we suggest alternative wording or approaches.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

-Palmer

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All,

I accepted those that were obvious. I wanted to consult with OW for the remaining recommendations.

Palmer,

Could you please take a look at the remaining comments. We can talk if you'd like.

Thanks,

MR

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Will do. What will be easiest for review is to circulate a clean copy with only Marthea's recommended changes to the doc that was sent to Chris. That will be easiest for review.

Thanks,

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Marthea is cleaning this up so feel free to hold off if you want.

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Cindy/Marthea: Can you attach the latest doc to this email chain. Thanks

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OK – Marthea has agreed to clean up the version I had to a redline edit only. She'll send that around.

Russ – then will Palmer be signing off for OW staff on the edits. This is trying to correct tone and clarity. Wait until you see Marthea's final version and see if you can turn it around quickly.

I'll see if I can get an OGC staff to do a quick OK.

Then we'll send this to Rebecca for her to send up through R10 to Chris.

I think this will help the discussions tomorrow stay focused on content vs. get distracted

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I'm in meetings most of the day. I can ask Palmer to review and advise. Let me know if that works.

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Importance: High

Hi Rebecca

Since it looks like we are both in meetings, here's recommendations from Rob (call me if needed) that would go well with leadership here. Russ – do you think you would be able to send back any staff level concurrence with my recommendations to go along with Rob's suggested approach?

1. Send up edits to Chris as soon as you can in redline with the following statement (be sure to delete my comment bubbles) "Here are additional recommended edits to the letter we worked with OFA to provide for more constructive language to provide recommendations to the Corps. In talking with OFA, we recommend that you send this to the Senior leadership immediately to work from tomorrow. OW staff have also seen these comments."
2. Chris' email can say something like "Attached is an updated version (in redline) that provides for more constructive language that our R10 and the OFA team worked on since Friday that we believe will be more effective in communicating recommendations to the Corps. I recommend that we work from this version in our discussion."

We believe that this will help to show sensitivity of trying to make sure we are providing useful recommendations to the Corps and the ongoing teamwork with R10 and HQ that will provide for effective discussions at the leadership level tomorrow.

Thanks!
Cindy

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