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Subject: My notes from yesterday's meetings

Thank you for participating.

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Alan Henning, Oregon 319 contact, grants 2015-16

Jill Fullagar, For overall questions with 319 program, open grants 2011-2014

Jayne Carlin, TMDL program

Mary Sturman, Alan will let us know

Regarding the 50/50 exemption option. Answers provided by Alan:

1. For which Fiscal Year do we need to demonstrate 50/50? 2015, 2016, or both?

a. Answer: starting 2015-16

2. If we decide to use "exemptions" do we need to enter data for projects that we use to demonstrate state funds are used to implement WBPs into GRTS?

a. Answer: YES

3. What are the criteria used to demonstrate adequacy of "alternatives to WBP"?

a. Measurable benefits

b. Strategy (s) addressing the EPA 9-key elements, as referenced in a checklist

i. Using Rogue watershed cross referenced strategies in checklist

c. Approach to be reviewed and approved by regional EPA contact

d. Information referenced in page 35 of 2013 Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories

4. Do you have an example letter for "waiver"?

a. I heard and took note of Cyd, of EPA HQ to provide the following:

i. Sample waiver documentation from Minnesota

ii. Other supporting/reference information

5. How often does an exemption request need to be submitted, and a waiver?

a. Answer: as an email, Every year

6. Exemption/Waiver letter components:

a. Exemption/Leveraging funds with NPS FTE's work in PPG as strictly directed to TMDL/watershed based strategies

i. DEQ will meet and present recommendations to EPA documenting funding to address the 50/50 pass through leverage funding

ii. Developing a WBP is a priority, using the checklist cross referenced as a strategy. Once the WBP are approved NPS FTE information could be linked to document watershed based supporting NPS funding.

b. Waiver as a last resource. DEQ has not decided if that is the way to go. More information is needed.

Regarding 2015 NPS annual report.

The discussion was brief with Alan as we were leaving from yesterday's meeting:

a. Report will be as recommended in the 2014 Determination of Progress for Oregon's NPS management Program

b. Concise, Straight to the point, directly addressing the recommendations listed in letter above

c. EPA would like to award the 2016 funds by June 1, 2016

d. Ivan is the contact for drafting the NPS annual report

e. A draft outline is being prepared for Gene.

Your comments/additions/edits are welcome

By Monday, March 7th, 2016 if you please.

Respectfully

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