From: Baron, Adam
To: Rickie W. Armstrong
Cc: Hartman, Bob
Subject: RE: Drinking Water issues on the Nooksack Reservation - response needed
Date: Monday, August 01, 2016 4:07:52 PM

Rickie –

Sorry I missed your call just now, I ran out for an afternoon coffee. Glad to hear that the letter was received and you are addressing the issue. I'll cc Bob Hartman on this, who is our attorney on this case just to stay clear the *ex parte* hurdle.

In terms of next steps, we confirmed receipt of the letter on July 25th, and our letter requests a response within 30 days which would be August 25th. Please contact Bob or I if you feel that you can't respond within that time or if you have any specific questions of us.

Of course the Nooksack Tribe as the owner of these systems is still required to comply with applicable drinking water regulations during this process, and I encourage the Tribe to take as many steps to return to compliance with the violations listed in the Orders as possible in the interim. Specifically, TTHM and HAA5 samples are required to be taken in August, and lead and copper samples by the end of September.

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Subject: RE: Drinking Water issues on the Nooksack Reservation - response needed

Hi Adam,

I just left a message with you, but wanted to forward my contact details. Ms. Bernard had sent over the notice a week or so ago, but I was out of the office for a couple days and just had the opportunity to meet with staff on this one. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:

Thank you,

Rickie Wayne Armstrong

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Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 3:09 PM
To: Charity Bernard
Cc: Rickie W. Armstrong; Contreras, Peter
Subject: RE: Drinking Water issues on the Nooksack Reservation - response needed

Charity –

Thank you for the quick response. That is what I needed to confirm.

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Subject: RE: Drinking Water issues on the Nooksack Reservation - response needed

Adam –
I assure you that this letter has the necessary attention and you will be hearing from someone soon. I have cc:d Rickie Armstrong, who is our legal counsel – feel free to contact him.

Thank you,
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Subject: Drinking Water issues on the Nooksack Reservation - response needed
Importance: High

Charity –

I understand you are the administrative assistant to General Manager/ Councilwoman Catherine

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Canete. EPA sent a formal correspondence to Chairman Kelley on July 20 (confirmed receipt on 25th), with a courtesy e-copy sent in advance to Richard Edwards, Director of Maintenance and Facilities. I have left messages with Mr. Edwards, but we have not heard from anyone at the Nooksack tribe on this issue. This is an matter that may affect human health on the reservation, plus has legal ramifications for the Nooksack Tribe. Please ensure it gets the high level attention needed.

I am happy to answer any questions tribal representatives may have and/or to schedule a meeting with the appropriate point of contact to do so.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Subject: Drinking Water issues on the Nooksack Reservation - courtesy copy of EPA correspondence to Nooksack Chairman

Richard –

Per my voicemail this morning, please review the attached documents which EPA sent to the Nooksack Chairman today by post. Per our protocol, EPA is providing a courtesy e-copy to you as the director of maintenance and facilities for the Nooksack tribe which oversees the six drinking water systems at issue. If you have any questions, you can contact me using the information below to schedule a conference call or in person meeting. You may also want to brief your Chairman on these issues before he receives our correspondence.

Respectfully,

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