UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Seattle, WA 98101

Reply to
Attn Of: OWW-130

AUG 23 2006

Kelly Susewind
Regional Director, Water Quality
Washington Department of Ecology
PO Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775

Re: Pre-Certification of NPDES Permit
Elwha Water Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Susewind:

EPA proposes to issue the enclosed preliminary draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the above referenced facility and requests that the Washington State Department of Ecology pre-certify the permit prior to public notice. Also enclosed is a draft of the fact sheet, outlining the basis for the conditions proposed in the preliminary draft permit.

EPA is requesting a pre-certification from the State within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Once we have received the pre-certification, we will consider any comments made by the State on the preliminary draft permit, and will public notice the draft permit for at least 30 days. Following the close of the public comment period, we will consider the comments received in preparation of the final permit and request a final 401 certification from the State.

Technical questions regarding the permit may be referred to Brian Nickel of my staff at (206) 553-6251 or via e-mail at Nickel.Brian@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

for Michael J. Lidgard, Unit Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures

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Concurrence		
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