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Hi Phil,

I got the information from you regarding the changes to the blasting portion of the South Terminal project. We are ok with the changes, and do not feel that re-initiation is actually necessary (because the potential for effects are so slightly altered and have already been covered in our analysis in the previous consultation). Your letter also echoes this sentiment (i.e., that any differences in effects are minimal). We are preparing a "no-reinitiation necessary" letter to EPA. One issue we do have is that we can't sign off or respond to anything that is a "preliminary" determination, which is how you have worded your letter to us. Any idea when you will be able to firm that determination up so that we can get our letter out the door? Small detail, but under the ESA we will need to have a "final" determination from EPA before we can respond.

Cheers,
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