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Friday, January 03, 2014

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EPA Region 10  
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RE: Treatment As State Application and Request for EPA Review

Dear Mr. McLerran:

We had sent a cover letter with our TAS application, dated Dec. 20, 2013, which mistakenly contained the word "draft" in the first sentence. A revised cover letter, with today's date, the word "draft" removed, and modified list of CC recipients is enclosed. Thank you for your attention to our application.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mr. McLerran:

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) are submitting a Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State (TAS) application for Clean Water Act Sections 303 and 401, applying to the Colville Indian Reservation and associated Indian trust lands. Enclosed with this letter are the TAS application and related attachments. We request that EPA conduct an initial review as soon as is practicable, and contact the Tribe to request any additional information necessary or to relay any issues or concerns.

The Colville Reservation covers about 1.4 million acres, and is bounded on two sides by the Columbia River, and on one side by the Okanogan River. The Reservation possesses considerable water resources. CTCR has been diligent and proactive in managing these resources and developing programs to protect water quality. CTCR has a mature Tribal water quality program operated out of the Office of Environmental Trust.

The Colville Reservation is the only reservation in the country with federally promulgated water quality standards (40CFR131.35). Promulgation occurred in 1989. Since then, the TAS process has been developed by EPA, and maintenance and updating of the CFR is not anticipated though updating of the water quality standards is desired by both CTCR and the EPA staff with which we work.

CTCR has a solid track record of managing water resources and water quality of the Reservation in a consistent and professional manner. The Tribe received TAS approval for CWA Section 106 in 1990, and approval for CWA Section 319 in 1991. The Tribe works collaboratively with multiple Washington State, federal agencies, and other jurisdictions and industries to protect water quality of the Columbia, Okanogan, and San Poil Rivers. We anticipate few concerns will be raised regarding TAS.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Passmore".

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Attachments:

Application for Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State  
Attachments A-N (on enclosed CD)

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