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Mr. Whit Anderson, Director of Programs  
Northwestern Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Portland, OR 97208

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of the Department of Ecology, I recently approved the gas abatement plan submitted by the Corps in a letter dated February 8, 2008. It has come to my attention that the gas abatement plan submitted by the Corps to Ecology (addressed to Director Jay Manning, November 30, 2006) was incomplete, as it did not include comments submitted by Andrew Kolosseus of Ecology on November 28, 2006. These comments provided corrections needed to bring the plan up to date, including references to the most recent Washington State's water quality standards adopted in July 2003 and December 2006. I would also note that the Environmental Protection Agency recently approved Washington's standards on February 11, 2008.

In particular, the special fish passage exemptions for total dissolved gas criteria on the Columbia and Snake rivers were revised in 2003 and are currently in effect (see Attachment 1).

I would appreciate receiving a corrected version of your gas abatement plan (the *Water Quality Plan for Total Dissolved Gas and Water Temperature in the Mainstem Columbia and Snake River, November 2006*) that incorporates the comments made by Andrew Kolosseus' (see Attachment 2).

Please contact me at (360) 407-6405 or Chris Maynard of my staff at (360) 407-6484 if you have any questions or comments regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

David C. Peeler  
Water Quality Program Manager

Attachments

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