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All,

The Lower Snake River Compensation Plan office of the USFWS appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Washington Department of Ecology's comments on the subject project. We received a copy of your comments on May 23, 2019.

The focus of your comments was the potential production of hazardous waste and toxics resulting from repair operations on the hatchery pipeline. As described in earlier documents, the pipeline is fully submerged in the Palouse Arm of Lake Herbert G. West, the reservoir behind Lower Monumental Dam. The pipeline is concrete, and to our knowledge, no hazardous materials were used in its construction as its function is to carry clean groundwater to the hatchery for the rearing of Endangered Species Act listed anadromous fishes.

In addition, we do not anticipate the use nor the production of hazardous or toxic materials other than concrete patches that may be necessary for pipeline repairs; the repair area will be contained by sediment barriers and use of these materials will be limited to the minimal necessary. The contractor is approved and bonded to perform the needed tasks and routinely implements similar underwater repairs throughout the northwest. Contractually, provisions to address any hazardous waste or toxic materials are identified and will be adhered to; these concerns will be discussed at a preconstruction meeting with the contractor to ensure all best management practices are employed to minimize the potential for hazardous waste issues.

If you need any other information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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