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In reply refer to: KEC-4

**To: Parties interested in the
Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program - SA-5 Acclimation Pond Modifications**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to fund modifications to seven acclimation ponds that are part of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation's Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program. BPA is sending this letter to inform potentially interested parties of these proposed modifications.

The seven acclimation ponds were identified in the 2012 Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0425). The ponds will be used to acclimate juvenile coho salmon before their release into the Methow and Wenatchee river basins. After the EIS was completed, the Yakama Nation determined that the seven acclimation ponds evaluated in the EIS needed minor modifications to more effectively meet the goals and objectives of the program.

BPA analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed pond modifications and prepared a supplement analysis (DOE/EIS-0425 SA-5) in accordance with the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures. The analysis indicated that the proposed modifications had been adequately covered under the original EIS and that a supplemental or new EIS did not need to be prepared. The supplement analysis was signed on February 3, 2015 and a copy is enclosed. It is also available on our website at www.bpa.gov/goto/midcolumbiacoho.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3796 or email at dlrose@bpa.gov. Alternatively, you may contact Michelle Guay, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, Act 1 Group, mxguay@bpa.gov, or 503-230-3459.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald L. Rose

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Enclosures:
Supplement Analysis
Location map