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Dear Ms. Smith:

I have reviewed the Water Quality Protection Plan dated May 22, 2008, and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Erosion Soil Control Plan (ESCP) dated May 27, 2008, I received via email from Scott Tidd. In combination these documents are approved for covering the minimum planning requirements under section VI of the 401 Water Quality Certification for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 637) filed April 23, 2003.

While these plans meet the minimum requirements for planning I would like to encourage the Chelan PUD's Construction Contractor, Goodfellows Bros., Inc., to manage all discharge water from dewatering activities as though it were turbid and discharge it to a settling pond and spray bars to allow the water to seep into the ground and naturally dissipate (SWPPP section 1.7.14). This will reduce the need to monitor the discharge water to ensure it is no more than 5 NTUs above the receiving water body and reduce the potential for a violation of Washington State's Water Quality Law, RCW 90.48.

Ecology is depending on these plans to protect water quality and minimize the potential violations of Washington's Water Quality law, RCW 90.48. The ability for a plan to result in protection of water quality is in the diligent implementation of the plans and the communication of the plans to the workers on the ground. Ecology recognizes the potential need to adjust the plans as work progresses and will be working with the Chelan PUD and its contractor to adjust the plans when necessary to protect water quality.

Sincerely,

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