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Dear Ms. Rice:

On March 13, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified microcystin toxins as an additional cause of impairment to one Klamath River segment (Middle Hydrologic Area: Oregon to Iron Gate) previously listed by California in its 2006 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List. EPA solicited public comment on its action, and has now completed its review of the comments received. Based on comments from the North Coast Regional Board, EPA agrees that the description of the segment which EPA is listing as impaired due to "microcystin toxins" should be revised. EPA hereby identifies this impaired portion as the reach of the Klamath River including the Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs. Accordingly, this segment does not include Klamath River upstream of Copco I Reservoir to Oregon. I understand EPA's revision is consistent with the comment received from the Regional Board. After consideration of all comments received, EPA has concluded that no other revision of its March 13, 2008, decision is warranted.

I am hereby transmitting to you the listing adding to California's 2006 Section 303(d) List "microcystin toxins" as a cause of impairment for the Klamath River including the Copco and Iron Gate reservoirs. A responsiveness summary explaining public comments received and EPA's responses is also enclosed. We look forward to working with the State during the 2008 303(d) listing process. If you have questions, call me at (415) 972-3572 or Peter Kozelka at (415) 972-3448.

Sincerely yours,

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for
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Enclosure
cc: Catherine Kuhlman, North Coast RWQCB

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