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Scott Pruitt, Administrator
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Re: Notice of Intent to Sue for Failure to Perform Mandatory Duties Pursuant to the Clean Water Act Relating to Washington's Proposed Deschutes River, Percival Creek, and Budd Inlet Tributaries TMDL

Dear Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Sessions:

This letter provides notice that Northwest Environmental Advocates ("NWEA") intends to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") under Section 505(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA") for failure to approve or disapprove Washington's Deschutes River, Percival Creek, and Budd Inlet Tributaries Temperature, Fecal Coliform, Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, and Fine Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (Washington Department of Ecology Publication No. 15-10-012, available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1510012.pdf>). We refer to this document as the "Deschutes River TMDL."

Washington submitted the Deschutes River TMDL to EPA in December of 2015. More than thirty days have elapsed since that time, but EPA has yet to either approve or disapprove the proposed TMDL as required by Section 303(d)(2) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(2). That section provides, in part, that "[t]he Administrator shall either approve or disapprove [a TMDL] not later than thirty days after the date of submission."

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Section 505 of the CWA provides that any citizen may sue EPA in federal court “where there is alleged a failure of the Administrator to perform any act or duty under [the CWA] which is nondiscretionary with the Administrator.” 33 U.S.C. § 1313(a)(2). In such a case, the District Court has jurisdiction to order the EPA Administrator “to perform such act or duty.” *Id.*

Because the EPA has failed to either approve or disapprove Washington’s Deschutes River TMDL within 30 days of the state’s submission, NWEA intends to sue the EPA in federal court to enforce the requirements of Section 303(d)(2) of the CWA, and to require EPA to act in a timely fashion.

As required by 40 C.F.R. § 135.3(b), the following are the name, address, and telephone number of the party providing this notice:

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As required by 40 C.F.R. § 135.3(c), the following are the name, address, and telephone number of NWEA’s legal counsel in this matter:

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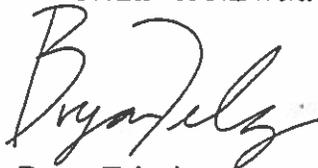
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NWEA is open to engaging in a constructive dialogue to obtain a workable solution in this matter. If EPA has a similar interest it should immediately contact me as NWEA's counsel. Please expect NWEA to file suit upon the expiration of 60 days from the date of this notice.

Very truly yours,

BRICKLIN & NEWMAN, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Telegin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B".

Bryan Telegin

cc: Client

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