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Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.
Washington, DC 20460
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0405

Re: Comments on the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Baseline Water Quality Standards on Indian Reservations

Dear EPA Representative,

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (hereafter referred to as the Tribe) has reviewed the proposal for establishing federal baseline water quality standards for Indian reservations. We understand that EPA is requesting feedback on whether to establish water quality standards, what those water quality standards should be, and how the standards should be implemented. The Tribe requires more information from the EPA before it can comment on establishing federal baseline water quality standards for Indian reservations. As the natural resource/environmental representative for the Tribe, I would like to request a government to government consultation meeting with the EPA Region 10 to further discuss how this rulemaking would affect the Tribe's Indian Reservation as well as the off reservation waters that are within the Tribe's Ancestral Territory

Thank you for considering this request. My staff and I look forward to meeting with the EPA to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Jason Robison
Natural Resource Director
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians