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June 10, 2015

The Honorable Gary Burke, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
46411 Timine Way  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Dear Chairman Burke:

I am writing to offer consultation and coordination with the Umatilla Tribal Council on impending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actions at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would also like to update the Tribal Council on the EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality efforts to clean up the Site, and to obtain your feedback on the effectiveness of ongoing communications between the EPA and your Tribal Government regarding Portland Harbor.

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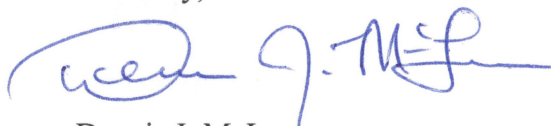
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If the Umatilla Tribal Council wishes to schedule a government-to-government consultation regarding the cleanup plan for Portland Harbor, please have your staff contact Debbie Robinson, project coordinator, to schedule a consultation. Debbie can be reached by email at [robinson.deborah@epa.gov](mailto:robinson.deborah@epa.gov) or by phone at (206) 553-4691. We plan to conduct consultations between November 2015 and February 2016. This is an optimal time for tribal input, such that it is fully appreciated before public comment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1234, or have your staff contact Debbie Robinson. I look forward to our continued work on this project as we move towards cleaning up the Portland Harbor Superfund site and creating a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. McLerran  
Regional Administrator

cc: N. Kathryn Brigham, Umatilla  
Audie Huber, Umatilla



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The Honorable JoDe L. Goudy, Chairman  
Yakama Nation  
401 Fort Road  
P.O. Box 151  
Toppenish, Washington 98948

Dear Chairman Goudy:

I am writing to offer consultation and coordination with the Yakama Nation on impending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actions at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would also like to update the Tribal Council on the EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality efforts to clean up the Site, and to obtain your feedback on the effectiveness of ongoing communications between the EPA and your Tribal Government regarding Portland Harbor.

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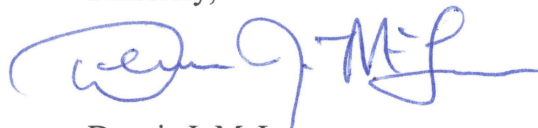
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Sincerely,



Dennis J. McLerran  
Regional Administrator

cc: Sam Jim, Sr., Yakama Nation  
Gerald Lewis, Yakama Nation  
Delano Saluskin, Yakama Nation  
Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation  
Paul Ward, Yakama Nation  
Rose Longoria, Yakama Nation





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The Honorable Eugene Green Jr., Chairman  
The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation  
P.O. Box C  
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Dear Chairman Green:

I am writing to offer consultation and coordination with the Warm Springs Tribal Council on impending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actions at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would also like to update the Tribal Council on the EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality efforts to clean up the Site, and to obtain your feedback on the effectiveness of ongoing communications between the EPA and your Tribal Government regarding Portland Harbor.

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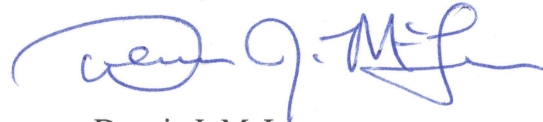
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Sincerely,



Dennis J. McLerran  
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cc: Mike Collins, Warm Springs Reservation  
Brian Cunninghame, Warm Springs Reservation



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The Honorable Deloris Pigsley, Chairman  
Siletz Tribal Council  
Confederated Tribes of Siletz  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, Oregon 97380

Dear Chairman Pigsley:

I am writing to offer consultation and coordination with the Siletz Tribal Council on impending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actions at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would also like to update the Tribal Council on the EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality efforts to clean up the Site, and to obtain your feedback on the effectiveness of ongoing communications between the EPA and your Tribal Government regarding Portland Harbor.

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Dennis J. McLerran  
Regional Administrator

cc: Mike Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Siletz  
Tom Downey, Confederated Tribes of Siletz



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The Honorable Reynold L. Leno, Chairman  
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

Dear Chairman Leno:

I am writing to offer consultation and coordination with the Grand Ronde Tribal Council on impending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actions at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would also like to update the Tribal Council on the EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality efforts to clean up the Site, and to obtain your feedback on the effectiveness of ongoing communications between the EPA and your Tribal Government regarding Portland Harbor.

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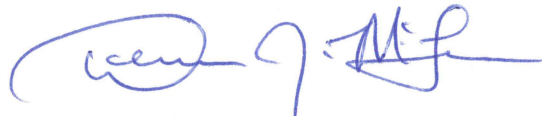
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cc: Toby McClary, Grand Ronde  
Michael Karnosh, Grand Ronde





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The Honorable Anthony D. Johnson, Chairman  
Nez Perce Tribe  
P.O. Box 305  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I am writing to offer consultation and coordination with the Nez Perce Tribal Council on impending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actions at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would also like to update the Tribal Council on the EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality efforts to clean up the Site, and to obtain your feedback on the effectiveness of ongoing communications between the EPA and your Tribal Government regarding Portland Harbor.

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cc: Samuel N. Penny, Nez Perce  
McCoy Oatman, Nez Perce  
Julie Kane, Nez Perce  
Courtney Johnson, Nez Perce