



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF WATER

Ms. Penny Shamblin
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Re: Petition for Reconsideration of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Partial Disapproval of Washington's Human Health Water Quality Criteria and Implementation Tools submitted by the State of Washington on August 1, 2016, and Repeal of the Final Rule Revision of Certain Federal Water Quality Standards Applicable to Washington, 81 Fed. Reg. 85,417 (Nov. 28, 2016)

Dear Ms. Shamblin:

This letter concerns your petition dated February 21, 2017 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting reconsideration of the EPA's partial disapproval of Washington's human health water quality criteria and implementation tools submitted by the State of Washington on August 1, 2016 and either repeal or withdrawal of the EPA's final rule titled "Revision of Certain Water Quality Standards Applicable to Washington," 81 FR 85417 (November 28, 2016).

After reviewing your petition, the Agency has decided to reconsider the EPA actions referenced in the petition. The Agency intends to move forward with its reconsideration as expeditiously as possible. At the conclusion of the Agency's reconsideration, we will provide a response to your petition setting forth our decisions whether to grant or deny the specific requests in the petition.

Should the EPA decide to conduct a rulemaking to amend any part of the federal rule, the EPA would provide an opportunity for notice and comment.

If you have any questions regarding the reconsideration process, please contact Sara Hisel-McCoy at (202) 566-1649.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Ross".

David P. Ross
Assistant Administrator