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The Department of Ecology (Ecology) Office of Columbia River withdraws the following Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) for Chapter 508-14 WAC Columbia Basin Project – Groundwaters:

- WSR 10-23-079 Filed November 15, 2010

Ecology's Office of Columbia River (OCR) is withdrawing the Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) for Chapter 508-14 WAC Columbia Basin Project at this time due to the length of time since the original filing and subsequent new scientific information.

OCR is working with local, state, and federal agencies and interested stakeholders on a proposed framework for a rule for administering artificially stored groundwater based on new scientific information. Once an administrative framework is determined between artificial and naturally stored groundwater OCR shall re-file the CR 101 at that time.

If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (509) 574-3989 or by email at: thomas.tebb@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Thomas Tebb".

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