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Subject: RE: French Paper Water Quality Certification Questions

Hi Oun,

I just wanted to circle back w/you to see if you had an opportunity to talk w/DNR on the datum issue for French Paper. Our schedule has us issuing the French Paper EA next month. Thank you again.

Aaron

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Hi Aaron,

I assume you are the new French paper dam contact for all the water quality related subject (I will keep your name in my contact list).

To answer your first quastion I need time to review some documents and I need to discuss it with MDNR too, I will get back to you soon.

For your second quastion the answer is yes the intent of condition 1.4 is for French Hydro to maintain a minimum flow of 120 cfs in the project fish ladder and not over the dam itself.

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Hi Amira,

I have a couple of questions on water quality certification condition nos. 1.1 and 1.4, under the "Operational Requirements" of the certification, for the French Paper Project in Niles, Michigan (the WQC is attached).

(1) The applicant for the French Paper Project, French Hydro, utilizes the datum mean sea level (msl) throughout their license application, which is consistent with the datum used in the existing 1991 license application for the project. I see condition 1.1 utilizes National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) when referring to the project's target reservoir level of 653.75 feet. I assume that the use of NGVD in the water quality certification was an oversight. Could you please confirm that my assumption is correct and that the correct datum for the specified reservoir levels in water quality certification 1.1 is in fact msl and not NGVD?

(2) Under the existing 1991 license, French Hydro is required to "maintain a continuous flow of 120 cfs for the operation of the fish ladder," which is consistent with French Hydro's relicensing proposal. One could interpret water quality certification condition 1.4 to mean French Hydro would be required to pass 120 cfs over the dam ("**in the bypassed natural river channel immediately downstream of the French Paper Dam**") and not through the fish ladder. I suspect this was not the intent of condition 1.4. Could you please confirm that the intent of condition 1.4 is for French Hydro to maintain a minimum flow of 120 cubic feet per second in the project fish ladder and not over the dam

itself?

I would greatly appreciate your input on these two conditions via email or a phone call. I can be reached at 202-502-6862. I will file all correspondence between us into the official project record for the project. Thank you very much.

Aaron Liberty