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Mike,

I hope that we are successful convincing WASO not to forward a response extending the comment period. I believe that our past reasons communicated to OBPA are still valid. I cannot help but think there is an ulterior motive, but cannot figure out what it is other than the obvious of delaying the process. Let me know if I can help in any way.

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Subject Call from Congr Jones staff

I just received a call from Congr Walter Jones' staff Josh Bowlen who advised that the Congressman and Senators Burr and Hagan were sending NPS a letter on behalf of OBPA/CHAPA to request a 30-day extension of the public comment period on the CAHA ORV DEIS (currently scheduled to close on May 11). Josh was aware that we had previously denied an earlier request from CHAPA (the ORV groups that intervened in the lawsuit and signed the consent decree). Josh and I discussed the issue a little bit and the potential that an extension could compromise our ability to meet the consent decree deadline for completing the plan/EIS with unknown implications if we don't meet the deadline (or come reasonably close to meeting it).

I'm on leave Monday-Tuesday and will touch bases with the Solicitors and EQD advisors once I see the letter when I get back in on Wednesday.

CYNDY, please forward an electronic copy of the letter to all those addressed on this message once we receive the letter.

Thanks for listening. Have a good weekend!

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld