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Dear Ms. Koberstein:

The EPA has reviewed the draft workplan and focus sheet that Washington State Department of Ecology developed for the 2025-2027 triennial review and posted on Ecology's website for public comment at https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/water-quality/water-quality-standards/updates-to-the-standards#Triennial_Review. The EPA supports Ecology for undertaking a triennial review of the state's water quality standards consistent with the federal water quality standards regulations at 40 CFR 131.20.

Given the EPA's revisions to a number of water quality standards regulatory requirements, the EPA strongly encourages Ecology to use the triennial review process to update any of Washington's water quality standards regulations that are inconsistent with the EPA's revised water quality standards regulations.

The EPA commends Ecology for conducting a crosswalk to compare Washington's criteria with the EPA's current Clean Water Act 304(a) recommendations to ensure that water quality standards include up-to-date water quality criteria that are protective of the state's designated uses.

The EPA looks forward to working with Ecology to identify any revisions necessary to ensure that Washington's water quality standards are consistent with the federal rule requirements and include criteria that protect the state's designated uses. We remain available to support the state's efforts to revise water quality standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Washington's Triennial Review. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Becky Garnett
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