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Loophole Word – "Material". The subjective and value-loaded term "Material Change" and "Materially" are used throughout the proposed rulemaking – yet no clear definition is available, only a bureaucratic explanation. This terminology is not easily understandable and clouds objectivity in decision-making. It allows for varying interpretations for different projects, which is unfair, including unjust for the public who must live every day with the decisions that are made. What the office should do is determine the exact meaning of "Material" so people can make a clear determination as to the needs of river basin.

Thank you for your time.