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RE: Correction to the submittal letter of the replacement temperature TMDLs for the Willamette Subbasins

Dear Ms. Burgess:

On August 7, 2024, DEQ submitted the final replacement temperature TMDL for the Willamette Subbasins to EPA. It has come to our attention the fourth paragraph of the TMDL submittal letter and a narrative statement in the second paragraph of the TMDL Technical Support Document section 2.1 state the wrong count for the number of Category 5 listed assessment units addressed by the TMDL. These numbers are not consistent with the number of impairments presented in the TMDL document, TMDL Technical Support Document, tables 2-3 through 2-12, and Technical Support Document Appendix D. We regret this oversight. This letter serves as a correction to those statements. In total, the TMDL applies to 913 assessment units, of which 236 are Category 5 temperature impaired. Some of these assessment units have both year-round and spawning use designations impaired. If both use designations are impaired, it is counted as two Category 5 303(d) listings. Therefore, the TMDL addresses a total of 298 Category 5 temperature listings identified on the 2022 Integrated Report.

Please direct questions regarding this TMDL or these corrections to DEQ Water Quality Manager, Steve Mrazik, Steve.MRAZIK@deq.oregon.gov or 971-563-8035.

We look forward to EPA's review and approval of the TMDL and acceptance of the protection plan.
Sincerely,

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