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Second, it is our responsibility to prepare the Notice of Intent and other Federal Register notices associated with the project. We understand your concern for the project schedule. We intend to publish the Notice of Intent shortly after receiving the Construction Authorization request. We understand you plan to submit this by the end of February.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Tim Harris of my staff at (301) 415-6613. Mr. Harris is the interim Environmental Review Project Manager while Jennifer Davis is on a short-term rotational assignment.

Sincerely,

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