

From: Dana Dean
To: Patrick Collins
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Subject: Re: Price River at Wellington

Patrick,

I don't see a problem with discontinuing **flow** monitoring at SW-1 and SW-2, though I would like to have at least one flow measurement for the Price River on or near the permit area if that can be accomplished safely.

Of course, you will have to send in an amendment to the MRP and have it approved before you discontinue the monitoring. As part of that amendment, you should say that should operations start back-up at the plant (not likely, I know, but as long as the permit is valid would be allowed) that flow monitoring would be reinstated at those two sites.

Let me know if you need anything else, or if you have questions.

Thanks,
Dana

>>> "Patrick Collins" <MT.NEBO@XMISSION.COM> 03/23/05 12:59 PM >>>
Hi Dana:

Karla was updating me on the sampling at Wellington and made the following comment. What do you think about discontinuing the flow estimate here?

"I wasn't able to measure flows in the Price River; snow melt runoff made it too fast/high to safely wade. Usually, I measure higher flows from the walkway across at SW2 where the pump house was, but since it's no longer there.. This means that both sites on the river now are very poor measuring conditions even under the best of circumstances. I wonder if you even need them any longer. Maybe you would want to ask DOGM if you could just do the sampling and not the flow measuring, now that there is no way to remove water from the river between the two sites, and there is no activity otherwise. In any case, I wondered if, before next quarter, you would mind if I spent a little time trying to find some better sites near those two? There is just so much quick-sand type silt that it's impossible to wade in many sections, even during low flow, but I've never actually walked the entire stretch between SW1 and SW2. Maybe I can find something better." K. Knoop.

Patrick