

## **FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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From: Diana Shannon  
Office of Energy Projects, DHAC

Subject: Notification of EPA of issued water quality certification

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On December 2, 2025, Diana Shannon accessed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) online portal to provide EPA with notification of the issued water quality certification for the proposed surrender and decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2705.

A copy of the email verification is attached.

**From:** [DARTER Sys Admin](#)  
**To:** [Diana Shannon](#)  
**Subject:** [External] EPA has received your Clean Water Act Section 401(a)(2) Project: "Newhalem Creek Project No. 2705 Surrender and Decommissioning"  
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**Submitted Information:**

**Submission ID:**

51207

**Project Name:**

Newhalem Creek Project No. 2705 Surrender and Decommissioning

**Name of Federal Agency POC:**

Diana Shannon

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**Name of Federal Licensing or Permitting Agency:**

FERC

**Federal License or Permit Type:**

Individual License

**Docket ID Number:**

P-2705-037

**Project Location:**

-121.2469, 48.6601

**EPA Region:**  
Region 10

**Additional Information about the Project Location:**

The project is located on the Newhalem Creek in Whatcom County, Washington. The project occupies federal lands within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area managed by the National Park Service.

**Certifying Authority:**  
State

**Name of Certifying State or Territory:**  
Washington Department of Ecology

**Water Quality Certification Decision:**  
Grant of certification with conditions

**Project Description:**

The applicant proposes to surrender its license and decommission the project to include removal of certain project features including: culvert removal, and natural drainage restoration; Newhalem Diversion Dam and Headworks removal; and Newhalem Powerhouse and Tailrace Barrier removal and restoration.

**Other Information about the Project:**  
Washington Department of Ecology-2 cert/w/conditions

**Document (Water Quality Certification/Waiver):**  
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