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MEMORANDUM

August 9, 2004

TO: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs\*  
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service  
Director, National Park Service  
Director, Geological Survey  
Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management  
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) on the **Wanapum Development, Priest Rapids Project**, FERC No. 2114-117; Grant, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Benton, and Chelan Counties, Washington  
(**ER 04/585**)(Agency due date: **August 26, 2004**)

### **PLEASE EXPEDITE**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has notified the Department concerning the availability of the subject EA requesting Commission approval to replace 10 turbines at the Wanapum development with 10 new, upgraded turbines. The Wanapum development is part of the Priest Rapids Project. The Notice of Availability was issued on July 27, 2004. **A copy of the EA is attached to the July 23, 2004 Commission Order titled "Order Modifying and Approving Amendment of License Application and Revising Annual Charges."** The documents can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" Link.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the assessment from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to FERC by **August 26, 2004**.

Please provide a copy of any comments made to this Office.

/s/  
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