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Mr. Ronald Twiner, Operations Manager
US Army Corps of Engineers
The Dalles Lock and Dam
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Dear Mr. Ronald Twiner:

I am writing to request access to The Dalles Dam for water-quality data collection operations. The USGS Oregon Water Science Center has collected total-dissolved-gas data at this location since 1998. We are under contract with the USACE Portland District to collect the same data this year. The area we need access to is the northeast corner of the upper deck of the powerhouse. We do NOT require any access inside the powerhouse.

We would like access to the project beginning March 17, 2015 so that we can install our monitoring equipment prior to the beginning of spill operations on April 1, 2015. We've scheduled maintenance visits every three weeks after that date, but sometimes need to visit the site outside of that schedule to address equipment malfunctions. We usually end our monitoring operations mid-September but request access through September 30, 2015 to allow time to remove our equipment.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our schedule or operations.

Sincerely,

Heather Bragg
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