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Mr. Mike Colesar, Operations Manager  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
The Dalles Lock and Dam  
PO Box 564  
The Dalles, OR 97058

Dear Mr. Mike Colesar:

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 access inside the powerhouse.

We would like obtain access to the project beginning March 12, 2020, so that we can install our monitoring equipment prior to the beginning of spill operations on April 1, 2020. Maintenance visits are scheduled every three weeks after that date, but sometimes there is a 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, 2020, to allow time to remove our equipment after the spill season ends.

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

Sincerely,

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