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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD 20 LMN 04 MFR Delayed Opening of Spillway Weir

SUBJECT: Delayed Opening of RSW after Fish Loading

Narrative: Following normal procedure, spill discharge was reduced to 5 KCFS on Tuesday, June 9 at 1800 hours so the Randy S and fish barge could navigate to the barge dock to load fish. Spill was restored to 40 kcfs through gates 1-6 during the loading activity. At 1909, the Randy S completed loading and requested that spill be shut-off so they could safely depart the tailrace. Normally, barges depart with varying amounts of flow from Spillgates #1 & 2 depending upon flows and the experience of the tug operator. At 1923, Randy S announced that they were clear of the tailrace and spill was returned to 40 KCFS. At 19:34, BPA reduced generation to 82 MW and increased spill to 86 KCFS.

Because of the events surrounding the fish barge crossing the tailrace and departing, when spill was re-established, the Operator inadvertently failed to reopen the RSW. This oversight was noticed following the shift change Wednesday morning and the RSW was reopened.

Method: RSW was not re-opened by control room after being closed to load fish barge.

Time Line - Duration:

The RSW was closed at 1800 hours on 9 June and was opened again the next morning at 0800 hours.

- A. Species:** NA
- B. Origin:** NA
- C. Length:** NA
- D. Marks and Tags:** NA
- E. Marks and Injuries Found on the Carcasses:** NA
- F. Future and Preventative Measures:** All control room operators were reminded of the importance of verifying that spillway configurations abide to FPP to facilitate fish passage.
- G. Photos Taken:** None.

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