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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD 14MCN02 – Trash Rack Inspection

SUBJECT: McNary Trash Rack Inspection

Narrative: Section 2.3.1.1 of the McNary Fish Passage Plan states “Prior to the end of January 15, inspect or rake up to four trashracks to determine if debris is present. Prioritize raking trashracks at units with known debris issues and longer run times, and insure to the extent practicable that racked units are distributed evenly across the powerhouse.”

The project failed to rake the units prior to the deadline, COB on January 15. The wording of the requirement led a cursory reader responsible for the operation to see the “prior to the end of January” part and conclude that the work had to be completed “prior to the end of January,” and not “prior to the end of January 15.”

The project discovered the oversight and conducted the test rakings on Monday, January 27. Raking continued for two more days to remove debris, mostly from the southern and central units. There were no lamprey found in the debris.

Conclusion: The wording is somewhat misleading to the casual reader. We recommend changing the wording to “Prior to January 16, inspect or rake up to four trashracks to determine if debris is present.” A FPP change form will be submitted.

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