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Hello Raymond other EPA R10 Staff,

Thank you for reviewing the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Kenai River Baseline Water Quality Monitoring Project. I am writing to provide additional detail from our email exchange this week, where we were working clarify which version of this document has been already reviewed by the EPA R10 office and if additional review is needed. I will provide a timeline of specific documents below that I believe will address our questions.

The three documents listed below are included in a .zip file with this email.

#### **Document 1**

“(Document 1) kwf\_qapp\_2020.pdf” is the QAPP that I inherited when I began as an employee in Winter 2020. This QAPP addressed two related projects in the same document, 1.) the Kenai River Baseline Water Quality Monitoring Project, and 2.) a supplemental effort to monitor Cu and Zn at additional sites with greater frequency (active 2019-2020). The supplemental Cu and Zn sampling work was partially funded by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC).

#### **Document 2**

“(Document 2) DRAFT\_QAPP\_KenaiRiverWatershed\_Baseline\_20230125.pdf” is the QAPP that Raymond reviewed in Winter 2022/2023. In this version, I contributed edits that removed references to the supplemental Cu/Zn sampling project, as well as other edits to language to clarify instructions. Raymond provided valuable feedback through several iterations of this document that improved technical aspects, until we arrived the version that was approved on 1/25/2023 (Document 2).

This document was submitted for review to EPA in Fall 2022 for because Kenai Watershed Forum was in the process of formalizing a partnership with a local tribal entity, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, where they would use EPA pass-through funds to support project expenses.

#### **Document 3**

“(Document 3) qapp\_draft\_v4\_april\_20230412.docx”. When EPA review was complete in January 2023, we sent the QAPP (Document 2) to colleagues at the ADEC for a courtesy review. As ADEC is not providing direct funding to this project, their office does not require a sign-off of



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this document, but their feedback is highly valued. These edits were completed on 4/10/2023, and sent to Raymond back at EPA R10 that same day. The edits that ADEC recommended are highlighted in comments throughout this Word document. The primary technical addition is the including a field blank for total and dissolved metals (page 33-34), per recommendation of ADEC.

I hope that the above information is clarifying. We are happy to work with any additional needs for review or feedback. Thank you for your time and support, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Meyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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