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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Jim Ruff -- Manager, Mainstem Passage and River Operations

SUBJECT: Briefing by EPA Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLerran

Dennis McLerran, the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, will address the Northwest Power and Conservation Council on December 15, 2010. Mr. McLerran will provide an update on EPA's national priorities, and will focus specifically on the EPA's efforts to reduce toxins in the Columbia River Basin, to confront the impacts of climate change and to help communities throughout the region find long-term, sustainable solutions to waste and energy issues.

Dennis McLerran was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the Regional Administrator for Region 10, leading a staff of 650 employees, with responsibility for an annual budget of \$500 million. He was sworn in on February 22, 2010. As Regional Administrator, Mr. McLerran oversees the implementation and enforcement of the federal environmental rules and regulations in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska, including 271 tribal governments in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Before moving to EPA, Mr. McLerran served as Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, a state chartered regional agency that adopts and enforces air quality standards that protect the health of 3.5 million Washington residents. As executive director, he led the development of an innovative strategy to reduce emissions at the ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Metro Vancouver. Prior to that, he served as City Attorney for the City of Port Townsend and Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Land Use. He has over 20 years experience as an advocate, attorney and administrator.

Mr. McLerran received his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and his Juris Doctor degree from the Seattle University School of Law.

