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Subject: RE: Request from City-County Board of Health

George Jamison/Lincoln County Board of health,

Thanks for the clarification on the email request below and the need for a response.

In regards to your concerns revolving around not finalizing the three documents, including the ICIAP, O&M Plan, and the O&M Manual undergoing a public review and having an informational meeting hosted by the EPA and DEQ, the EPA would like to offer the following response.

The EPA has offered a public comment period for both the ICIAP and the O&M Plan. These comment periods we offered at two separate timeframes to help the readers with timeframe that would allow them to have ample time to read and provide comments. The ICIAP public comment period was given a 60 day review period and has closed, the O&M Plan public comment period was just opened on January 7th, 2020 and will remain open for a period of 30 days. The idea of having two timeframes was to not overload reviewers with two document at once. With that said, any comments provided during this comment period will become part of the record and will be addressed through the responsiveness summaries. This will include comments that may refer to the ICIAP as well.

As far as the O&M manual this is a document that is intended to be the "instructions" guidance for the operator (DEQ) and its' staff (ARP, contractors, etc.). This manual is more of a procedural document and written around those who will be implementing the work. The ARP and County have been included and continue to participate in the O&M working group. We value this participation and continue to work together as you provide input from those reaching out to you. Once this document is finalized it will become a public document and since it is a dynamic (or living) document, the public is welcome to comment and add suggestions through its' existence.

In regards to the EPA and DEQ hosting an informational meeting we are open to the idea. I would also like to offer and have the BOH consider hosting this meeting with the EPA and DEQ as their guests as another option to provide this information to the community. It may get more attendance and participation. We have time to consider how we would like to incorporate an informational meeting prior to finalizing the above documents.

Sincerely,
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