

## ATTACHMENT 4

September 11, 2020 email thread between EPA and the Oglala Sioux Tribe

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**From:** Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** OSTNR Water Admin  
**Cc:** Jennifer Spotted Bear; 'Mario Gonzalez'; Lisa Cummings; 'Chancy Wilson'; Jeffrey C. Parsons; 'Travis Stills'; 'Thomas Brings'; tom.pb@ogla.org; 'Julian Bear Runner'  
**Subject:** RE: EPA would like to have the technical meetings completed before our Oct 2 consultation meeting

Thank you for the update!

*Valois*

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**Subject:** RE: EPA would like to have the technical meetings completed before our Oct 2 consultation meeting

Thank you for your email, Valois. I have not yet received any official response to the OST from BLM regarding BLM's role in consultation. Hopefully, we receive that response soon.

We have had an internal follow-up meeting to discuss your presentation, and to prepare for BLM's participation. Also, I have been in contact with the Tribe's technical team by email but will need to talk with them about arranging technical meetings with EPA and BLM staff. Based on the list of issues in the proposed June 2020 meeting agenda and letters, completing all of the necessary technical discussion by October 2 may not be realistic, but the Tribe will work to move things forward in a sensible manner. I will also contact the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance to see about their schedule. We should have a better idea of a time frame for technical meetings by middle of next week, assuming we get the BLM letter in the next few days.

We appreciate your efforts to work with the Tribe's consultation process, which is described in OST Ordinance 11-10, as the Tribe's technical staff is bound by that ordinance.

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**From:** Robinson, Valois [mailto:Robinson.Valois@epa.gov]  
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**Cc:** Kimball, Lori (Chip) K  
**Subject:** EPA would like to have the technical meetings completed before our Oct 2 consultation meeting

Hello Mr. Red Cloud,

EPA would like to have the technical meetings with the Tribe and BLM completed before our Oct 2 consultation meeting so that all these importance issues are lined up for Tribal leaders and BLM/EPA managers to have productive discussions.

I know there is possibly a large group to assemble for some of the topics the Tribe would like to discuss. Since I am being strongly encouraged 😊 by my managers to move forward with this, I wanted to let you know I am happy to provide assistance in contacting people and coordinating schedules for these discussions. I hope that one of the meetings would include a discussion with the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance. Would it be OK with you if I started trying to set that meeting up? If you don't think it is appropriate for me to do that, please let me know.

If you would like to have a call with Chip and me to strategize how we can help you move forward with this task, please let us know.

We appreciate your efforts in arranging these technical meetings. I know this is a big task!

*Valois*

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