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Greetings R1 Section 7 Coordinators:

HQ has asked us to conduct an informal poll to them determine how much concern your office might have regarding EPA's proposed rule that will set standards for existing cooling water intake structures at various facilities. Please carefully read the information below and try to answer questions (you may need the help of your HCP coordinator counterparts) as best you can by the end of next week. You may reply directly to the requester, Drew Crane, and please cc me with any response.

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Hi All,

As I mentioned on the call today, EPA will be finalizing a rule that will set standards for existing cooling water intake structures at various facilities that withdraw more than 2 million gallons of water/day (primarily power plants and manufacturing facilities). In the attached map, they have identified where these facilities may occur. They have also determined that these facilities overlap approximately 207 listed species ranges. In most cases, the states are the permitting authority for these facilities. That means in instances where take is occurring, the state or the facility would need to develop an HCP to address any ongoing take issues. This could result in a significant workload increase for some field offices. We are attempting to avoid that situation by addressing this issue through a national programmatic consultation with EPA.

Could each of you poll your respective field offices to see if:

- they know of facilities with cooling water intakes in their area that are impacting T&E species?
- have they completed any consultations or HCPs for facilities that have cooling water intake structures?
- they are aware that this many facilities overlap T&E species in their area?

Even "yes, no" answers would be helpful at this point. Field offices can respond directly to me or you can forward on any responses you receive. If possible, I would appreciate any information they can provide by the end of next week.

Thanks!

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