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To: [Assenza, Adam](#)
Cc: [Gosselin, Danielle](#)
Subject: RE: Port KC - Checking In
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 12:04:32 PM

Adam,

Thank you for your response. I will gather that contact information for you.

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Subject: RE: Port KC - Checking In

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Hi Justin,

One of the earliest steps in the NEPA review process is to determine and contact federal, state, and local agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the project in some form, specialized or local knowledge crucial to the environmental review of the project, or funding involvement (or likely funding involvement). I and many others who conduct environmental reviews have found that coordinating with other agencies early, establishing a transparent review process with predictable milestones and concurrence points, and filling information gaps necessary to decision-making as early in the process as is feasible and reasonable leads to more harmonious and thorough reviews.

If there is a contact at MARAD who is responsible for coordinating any environmental requirements of their grant administration related to this project, please send me their contact information and I can ensure that they have ample opportunities for involvement where appropriate.

Thanks,

Adam

From: Marks, Justin J. <jmarks@ClarkHill.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:33 AM

To: Assenza, Adam <Adam.Assenza@stb.gov>
Cc: Gosselin, Danielle <Danielle.Gosselin@stb.gov>
Subject: RE: Port KC - Checking In

Hi Adam:

I have a question about the NEPA process in terms of cooperating agencies. Port KC recently received a grant from the Maritime Administration (MARAD). To the extent that the MARAD grant would also require an environmental analysis, when does OEA wrap MARAD (or any other potential cooperating agency for that matter) into the process as a cooperating agency.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Port KC - Checking In

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Hi Justin,

That's correct, it was initial meet and greet to discuss next steps, the first of which was the delivery of a draft work plan and collaborative methods we will be using going forward. As always, if you have any particular questions about OEA's Third Party Contractors or the review process, I'd be happy to schedule a call.

Thanks,

Adam

From: Marks, Justin J. <jmarks@ClarkHill.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Assenza, Adam <Adam.Assenza@stb.gov>
Subject: RE: Port KC - Checking In

Thanks Adam. I presume that your kick-off meeting with just the environmental consultant?

I'd like to be involved as the intermediary with Port KC, at least as we get our ducks in a row.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Port KC - Checking In

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Hi Justin,

We had an initial kickoff meeting at the end of last year and this week I was just sent a preliminary work plan. They're granting me access to their file-sharing sites so that we can work collaboratively and efficiently.

Thanks for checking in, and as always, please let me know if you have any questions.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:04 PM

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Subject: Port KC - Checking In

Hi Adam:

I hope the New Year is starting off well for you and that you remain working remotely in your

“secure” location – now secure for multiple reasons.

I just wanted to touch base on Port KC and see what the time line is for kicking off the project?

Thanks,

Justin

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