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Subject: Woodland Fish Passage  
WIN: PH20250514WFP  
Location: **Baileyville**  
**Amendment No. 14**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following question is revised from Amendment No. 11:

188. **Question:** A few questions relating to seals:

Are there safety-critical parts included in this RFQ? In other words, for the purposes of the rubber seals, would a leak constitute an emergency (threat of injury, equipment damage, and/or contamination of hazardous materials into the surrounding environment)?

- a. A Critical Safety Item (CSI) is a part, assembly, or support equipment whose failure could cause loss of life, permanent disability or major injury, loss of a system, or significant equipment damage.
- b. A Critical Item is a part, assembly, or equipment whose failure, malfunction, or absence could cause a catastrophic or critical failure, leading to loss of life, serious injury, significant equipment damage or unacceptable

**Response:** This response supersedes the response provided in Amendment No. 11. The question was previously misinterpreted to apply to existing gate seals and working conditions; the question instead has been clarified to relate to Design Specification Section 35 20 17, Rubber Seals, for the exit flume expansion joints. These rubber seals are not considered safety-critical and only prevent water leakage. Failure of a seal is expected to result in some, mostly minor, leakage but to pose no immediate personnel safety or equipment damage risk.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **August 6, 2025.**

Sincerely,

*Kevin Hanlon* for

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