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PNWA staff and members attend State Department's Columbia River Treaty Town Hall

PNWA members and staff attended the Columbia River Treaty Town Hall held by the U.S. State Department on Wednesday, April 25th at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. PNWA President Rob Rich, Port of Whitman County Commissioner and Inland Ports and Navigation Group Chair Tom Kammerzell, Capt. Paul Amos from Columbia River Pilots and PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira participated in the event, which followed an earlier roundtable with the State Department negotiator. PNWA members highlighted the requirements for safe and efficient commercial navigation on the Columbia River, which is important to the economic vitality of many communities in the Northwest and the nation.

The United States is preparing for the negotiation process with Canada to modernize the Columbia River Treaty. U.S. government representatives reviewed plans for engaging the region and detailed the next steps at the Town Hall. For additional information about the Columbia River Treaty, take a look at the [PNWA fact sheet](#), or contact [Kristin Meira](#).

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration have announced a webinar to provide updates on the draft Columbia River System Operations (CRSO) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is part of the NEPA analysis for the next [FCRPS Biological Opinion \(BiOp\)](#), where the agencies will ultimately present a range of reasonable alternatives for long-term system operations and evaluate potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts. The webinar will take place on May 30th from 3-4:30pm PST. For further information, including instructions, visit www.crso.info, or view the public announcement [here](#).

DERA applications due June 12th

On April 24th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began soliciting proposals nationwide for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. Approximately \$40 million will be available for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions, particularly from fleets operating in areas with poor air quality. Priority of funding will be given to projects which engage the affected community in the design and performance of the project, and demonstrate continued results after the project has been completed.

EPA is holding two informational webinars next week to provide additional details:

Tuesday, May 1, 11:00am-12:30pm PDT
<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/dera18a/>
Conference Number: 1 (202) 991-0477
Participant Code: 4149804#

Thursday, May 3, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. PDT
<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/dera18b/>
Conference Number: 1 (202) 991-0477
Participant Code: 4149804#

Grant applications must be submitted electronically to Grants.gov by midnight on June 12th. For more information, visit the [website](#).

Port of Morrow announces Executive Director position

The Port Morrow has announced that they are soliciting applications for the Executive Director position. Ideal candidates will have operations, business management, administrative and leadership skills. The Port is governed by a five-member commission elected by the district's voters. The Executive Director is appointed by the Port Commission. To be considered, please submit a letter of introduction and resume by June 7th. A detailed job description is available [here](#), and application information can be found at www.sdao.com and www.portofmorrow.com.

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