

Upriver Dam Hydroelectric Relicensing Project Update

April 13, 2026

Water and Hydroelectric Services Department



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About Dam Relicensing

WHAT & WHY

- Current **license** was issued in **1981** and **expires in 2031**
- Brings dam **operations into compliance** with current laws and regulations and sets the **license terms and conditions for the next 40 years** of operations.
Examples: 401 water quality certification, Historic Properties Management Plan

WHO

FERC = Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

HOW

- **Outreach and engagement** of licensing participants and impacted/interested parties
- Provides FERC with **decision-making information**
- Facilitates **studies and reports**
- Determines **license term and requirements**
- **Issues license** with operational terms and requirements



Organizational Overview

Upriver Dam consists of:

- **Leadership:** Plant Manager and Dam Safety Engineer
- **Operators:** Control and manage hydroelectric generation and drinking water distribution
- **Mechanics:** Maintain infrastructure assets for generation and distribution

Role of Upriver Dam and relicensing to the City:

- Upriver Dam **provides offset of electricity cost** for operating the drinking water system by generating electricity
- **Relicensing provides agreement to continue Upriver Dam operations**

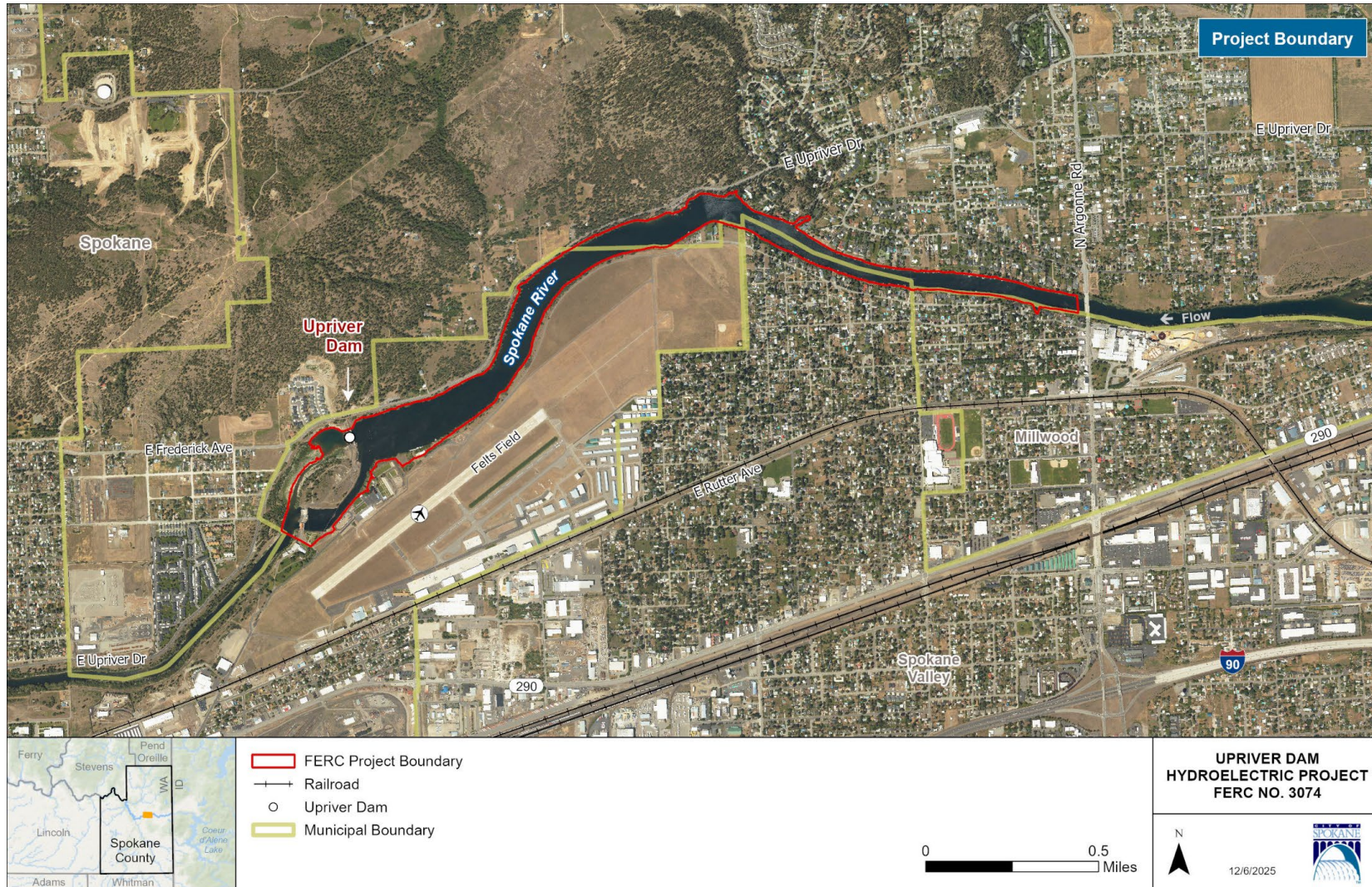


Organizational Overview *cont...*

Internal Partners	External Partners
Mayor & Administration	FERC
City Council	Local Tribes
Kleinschmidt & Associates	Dept. of Archeological and Historical Preservation
Parks & Recreation Dept.	WA Dept. of Ecology
Planning Dept.	Local Orgs: River Keeper, River Forum, Lands Council, etc.
Legal Dept.	
Community & Economic Development Dept.	Any other interested parties



Upriver Dam FERC Project Boundary



Relicensing Approach

Integrated License Process (ILP) is **FERC's** default **process**, which provides:

- **Standardized and prescriptive structure** for relicensing activities
- Defined **study request criteria**
- Defined filing **deadlines**
- Defined **comment periods** for Public/Tribes/Agencies



Initial Document Overview

Notice of Intent (NOI)

- Statement of the City's intention to file an application for a new license

Pre-Application Document (PAD)

Introductory document describing:

- Existing conditions
- General description of the basin
- Project location, description, facilities, operations, and specifications
- Preliminary issues, project effects, and proposed studies
- Resource areas (FERC term)

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) filed with FERC on April 9, 2026



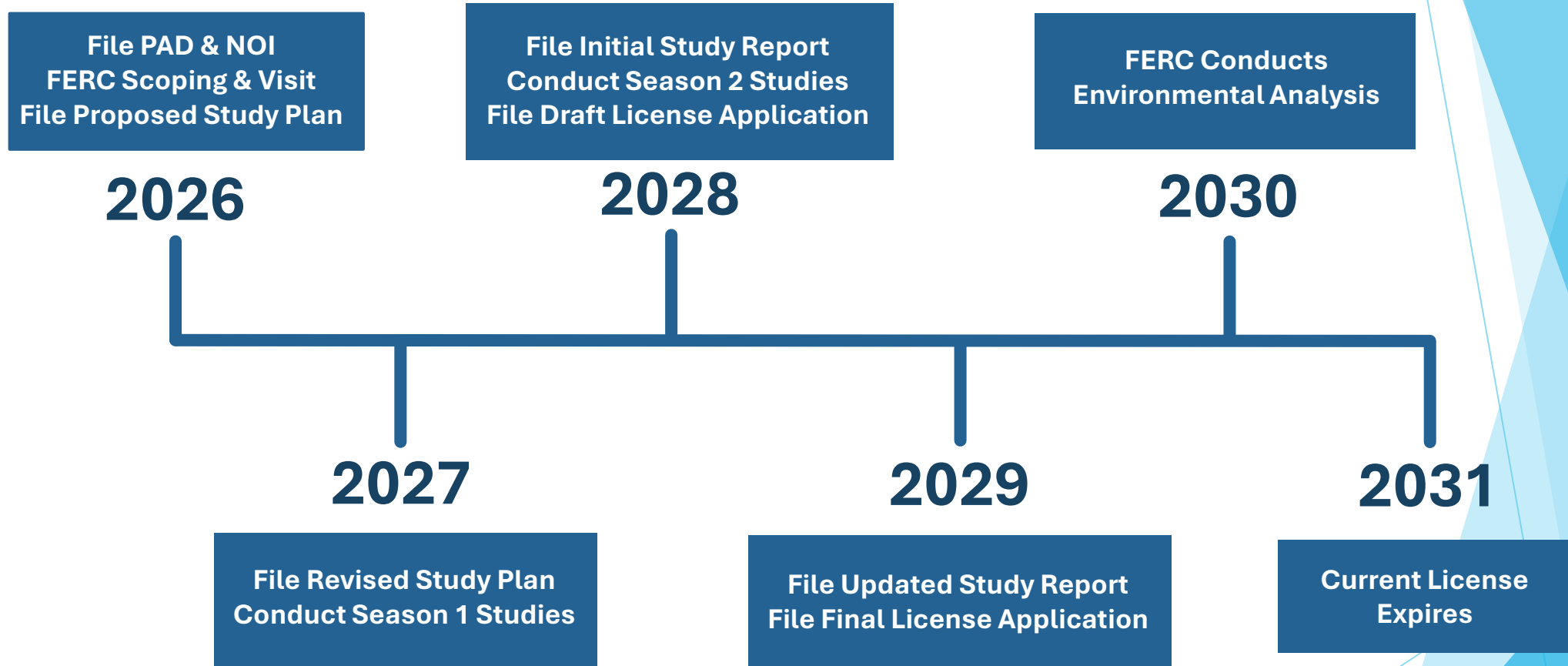
Pre-Application Document: Includes Analyzed Public Resources

Existing conditions of:

- Geology and Soils
- Water (Quantity and Quality)
- Aquatic and Fisheries Species and Habitat
- Terrestrial, Wildlife, and Botanical Species and Habitat
- Wetland, Riparian, and Littoral Habitat
- Rare, Threatened, and Endangered (RTE) Species (Aquatic and Terrestrial)
- Recreation and Land Use
- Aesthetics
- Tribal
- Cultural
- Socioeconomics



Schedule Timeline



Engagement and Outreach

150 letters mailed to adjacent property owners and key contacts

Stakeholder meetings

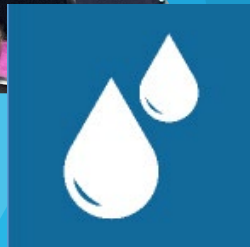
- WA Dept. of Ecology
- WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Spokane River Forum
- Spokane Riverkeeper
- Lands Council

Open House with 25 attendees

Tribal engagement with letters and phone calls

- In person meeting with Spokane Tribe

Site tour for WA Dept. of Ecology and WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife



Informational Resources

City of Spokane webpage and option to subscribe for City updates

[SpokaneCity.org/Public Works/Water/Upriver-Dam-Relicense](https://spokanecity.org/Public-Works/Water/Upriver-Dam-Relicense)

Tip! Search Upriver Dam Relicense in your favorite browser

FERC's website: [FERC.gov](https://www.ferc.gov)

- Subscribe to receive FERC e-filings on the docket (P-3074)
- Public database with all FERC issuances and all submissions from other parties

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Questions?

