

Public Works Director's Report

PIES Committee – October 2026

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Status Update: Interim Actions Work Plan

SIA PFAS Site

October 2026



Status: Access to Clean Water

- Providing filter pitchers & countertop containers for indoor use
  - May 9 Distribution Event – More than 100 households assisted
  - June 16 Open House & Meeting – Another 15 households assisted
  - Distribution at WTE Admin Building & City Hall – 95 households assisted
  - Replacement filters for under-sink units available now, too – 14 households assisted

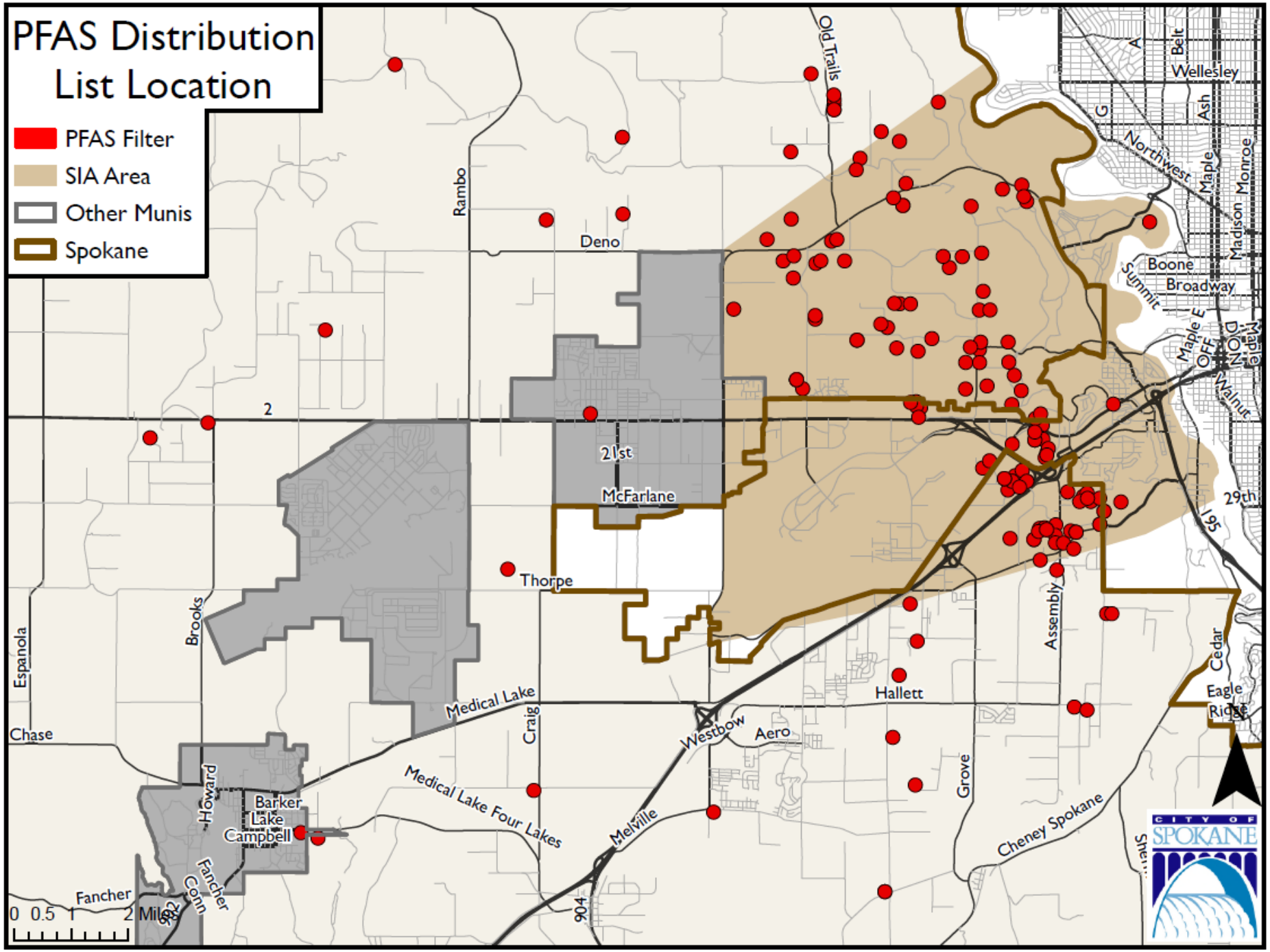
- Access to City's clean water fill station on Garden Springs Rd
  - Food-grade containers distributed at May 9 event & available at City Hall & WTE
  - 52 accounts created for residents
  - Larger volumes just fine

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Filters Distributed since May 9



Status: Testing

- No PFAS testing required to get access to clean water
- Started testing of private wells in the interim area the week of June 29 (two weeks ahead of the required deadline)
- 75 testing appointments completed
- More than 250 testing requests have been received
- Complete or schedule private well testing for all properties where owners have requested testing by the end of 2026



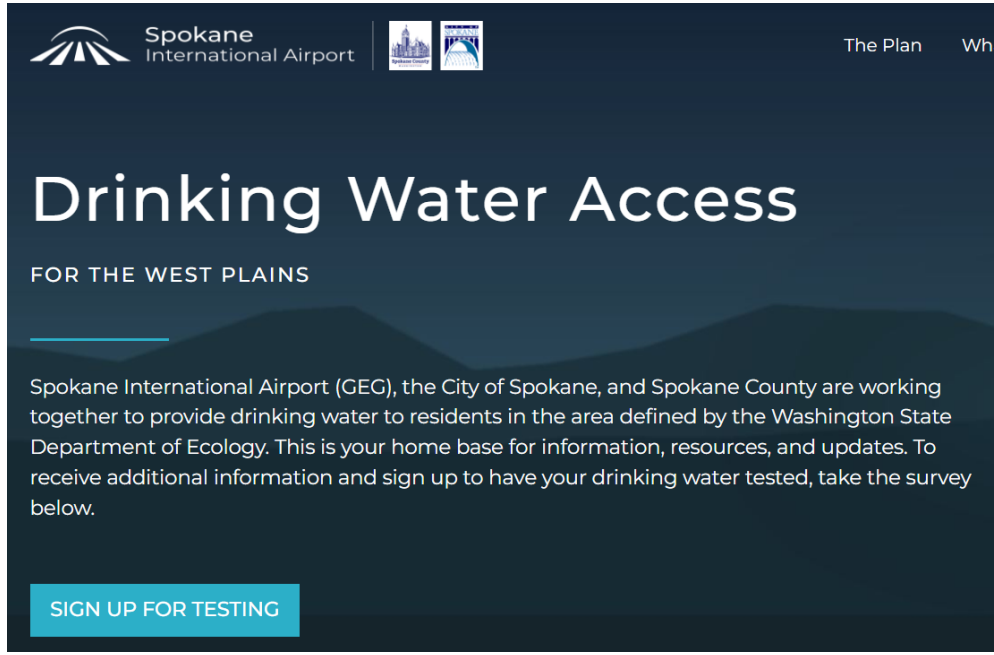
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Status: Communication

- Letters and information sent to impacted residents on May 28th:
  - Information on PFAS, how to obtain filtration devices, well survey information, testing info
- Project website: www.gegwater.com
- SHRD Navigators – extended through June 2027 with County funding!
- Using all communications channels
- Created a GIS layer of the interim area
- Coordinating with Elected officials – joint meetings (Mayor & Council, County Commission, SIA Board)



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Status: Additional Solutions & Steps

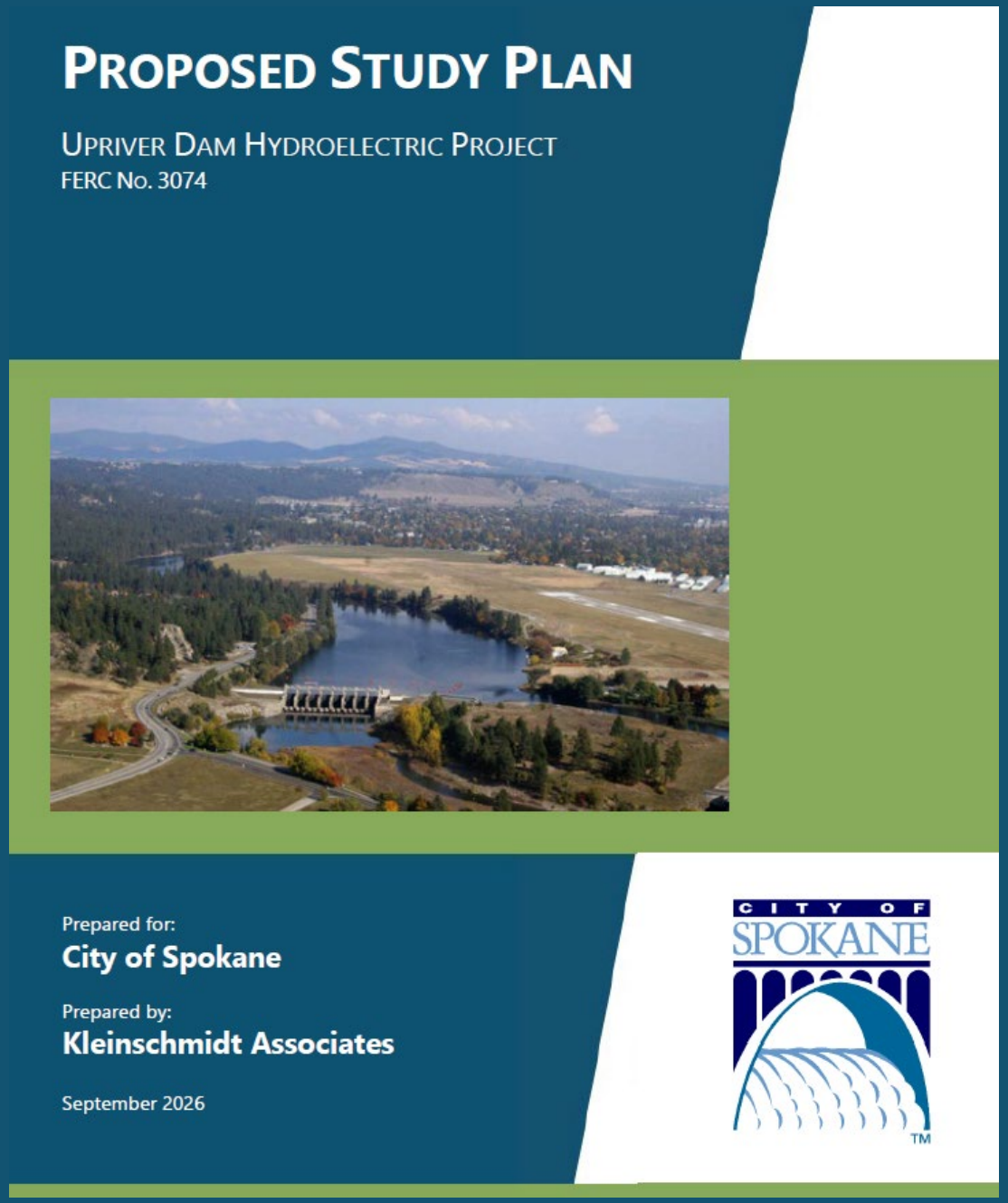
- Installation of Point of Entry Treatment (POET) systems
  - Contracts in place with vendors
  - First POET systems installed under $7.5 million grant
    - 20 sites sampled, 3 systems operating & 2 nearing completion
- Extension of Municipal Water
  - Initial Design work on the first likely project is under way
    - Reaching out to property owners **on S Royal Street**
  - Scoping of additional possible projects has begun
  - Funding opportunities are being sought



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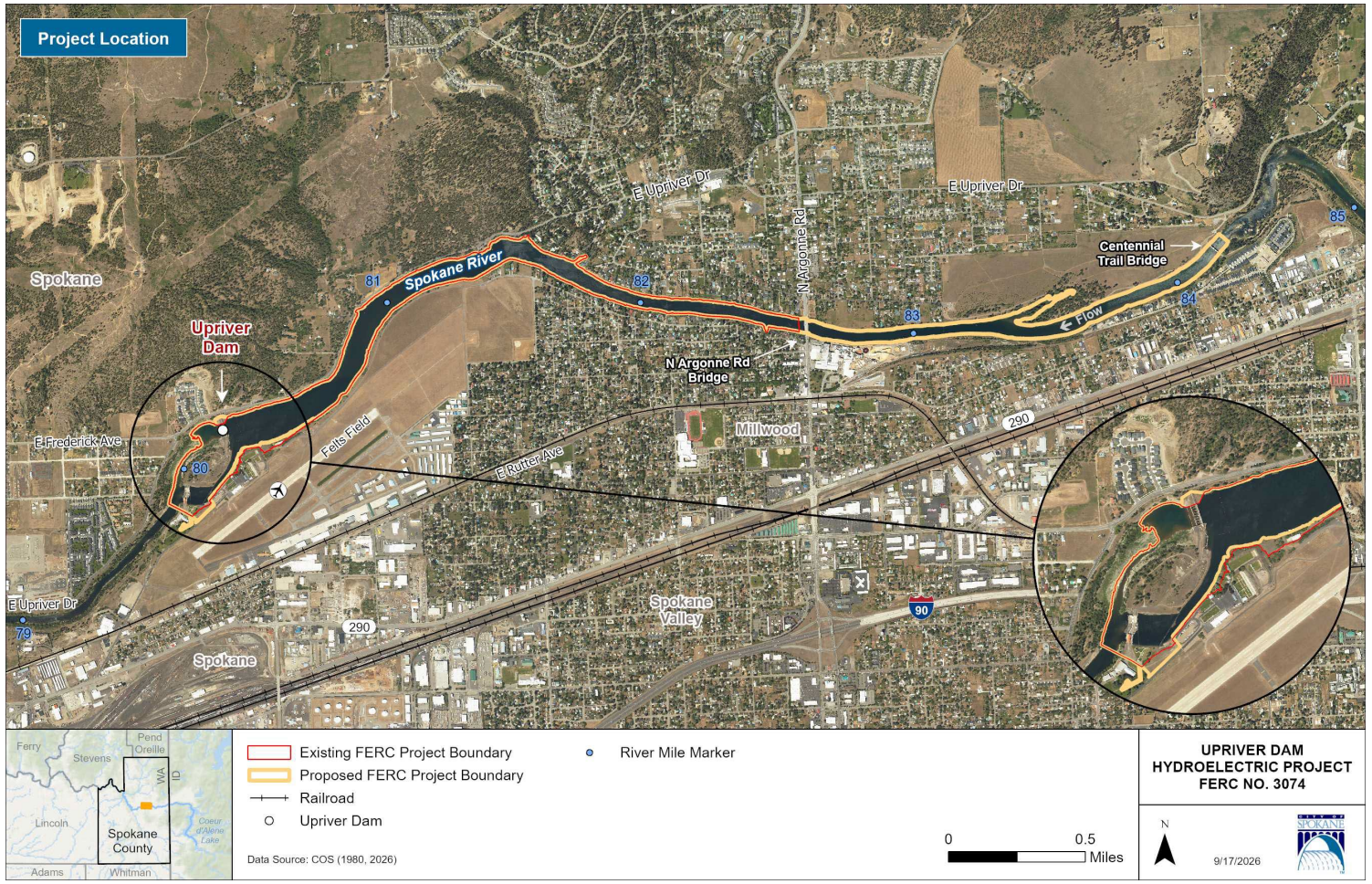
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Upriver Dam Relicensing: Proposed Study Plan

Upriver Dam

- **Owner**
  - City of Spokane
- **Location**
  - Spokane River
- **17.7 MW Generating Capacity**
- **Normal Pool El. 1927 ft**
- **Run-of-river**
- **No federal lands within Project boundary**
- **No Proposed Operation Changes**



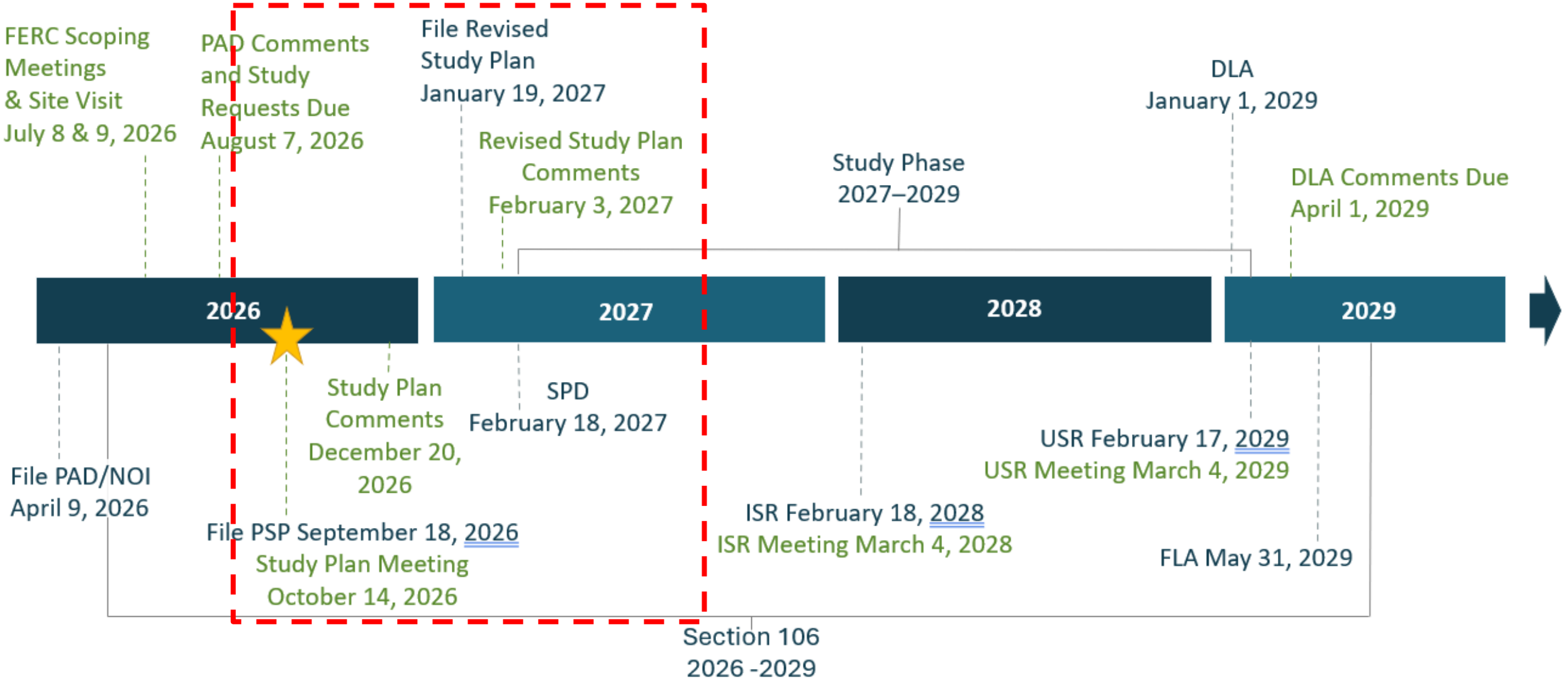
Project Operations and Facility

Run-of-River

- **Water in = Water out**
- Reservoir extends ~4 miles upstream
- Pool maintained at El. 1,927 ft, per license requirement



Upriver Dam Relicensing Schedule



PAD = Pre-Application Document | PSP = Proposed Study Plan | RSP = Revised Study Plan | ISR = Initial Study Report | USR = Updated Study Report | DLA = Draft License Application | FLA = Final License Application | SPD = Study Plan Determination

Licensing Participants

Relicensing Milestones

How Study Requests Were Evaluated

Each request reviewed according to FERC's study criteria. 18 CFR § 5.9(b)

1. Goals & objectives
2. Existing information
3. Project nexus
4. Resource Mgt Goals/Public Interest
5. Methodology
6. Level of Effort & Cost

→ **ADOPTED OR PARTIALLY ADOPTED**

→ **NOT ADOPTED**

Proposed Study Plan Review

Resources

Study Requests

- Water Quality
- Aquatic Resources
- Fisheries Resources
- Recreation Resources
- Cultural Resources

Proposed Studies in PSP

- Water Quality Monitoring Study (WQ-1)
- Bypass Channel Characterization Study (WQ-2)
- Recreation Resources Study (REC-1)
- Cultural Resources Study (CR-1)

Public meeting to discuss our proposed study plan on Wednesday, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Northeast Community Center

Comments on the proposed plan can be submitted to FERC until Dec. 21

City Utility Rate Proposals for 2027 & 2028

***Generally: 3.5% annual increases** for water/wastewater/stormwater/water-ww capital*

***3.25% annual increases** for solid waste*

Some rates will deviate from those proposals to address cost of service requirements:

Water Consumption Rates

- New **Winter/Summer seasonal rates** for Commercial customers
- New **year-round rate for Parks & Schools** to help maintain community greenspace

Sewer – Commercial & Multi-Family

- Commercial underpaying; Switch to a **graduated sewer base charge** by water meter size, accounting for more use
- Multi-family overpaying; **reduce costs for additional units** to $8 less in 2027 and $12 less in 2028
- Already created new **micro-unit rate**, charging 60% of multi-family rates for sewer & water-ww capital

Solid Waste Changes

- Rebalance costs between **residential cart sizes** – Smaller carts underpaying
- Rebalance between smaller and larger **commercial containers** – smaller containers underpaying
- Manage **PUDs** like other residential – allow for changes like single family & remove inconsistent discount
- Charge for **appliances with refrigerant** at WTE

Waste to Energy CCA compliance

- Add charge to customers' bills to pay for the purchase of required **carbon credits**
- $2.75/mo. for residential customers & $9/mo. for commercial customers


Questions?