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Good morning,

My understanding of the verbal agreement was that I would review the existing work planned for this summer and identify the subset of samples/sampling locations where it was important to have a continuous sampling record. The technical team completed that evaluation and have since worked to ensure that staff will be available to collect these samples, which I'd intended to be in keeping with the spirit of finding a way to do a partial year's work.

Beyond these key locations where the data play an important role in the timely and specific work of the Agency, and as I'd shared previously, the work required to issue and manage these grants exceeds the value to the Agency of a partial year of data, and would come at the expense of/delay to other tasks - both in terms staff work and adding to the number of grants and contracts that would ultimately need to be processed thru the DEC business office.

In proposing this approach, please know it is done with eyes wide open to the significant education and outreach value of the LaRosa program has and simply reflects trying to make best use of the Agency's finite resources (financial and human) given the significant and evolving change in our circumstance as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Kind regards,
Julie