Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (IDEQ's) Triennial Review process. The City appreciates IDEQ's continued focus on water quality issues within the state. The City recognizes the benefit of the waterways in and around the City. The City has significant interest in the results of this work because of the potential impacts to rate payers, the environment, and the City.

The City strongly support development of a Natural Background Conditions guidance document. For Indian Creek in Nampa, this will be a critical document in determining natural temperature and flow parameters.

Also, key to the water resources are many of the man-made waterways. Identifying the proper water quality targets for these waterways, one that supports their primary purpose of conveying irrigation flows, is a key issue for the City moving forward. The City believes that the standards for these waters should be consistent with their intended use. For this reason, the City would support additional IDEQ efforts to better define these conditions as discussed in Issue Paper #1 for the Triennial Review process.

We look forward to future collaboration with IDEQ on this important effort. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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