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Mike Bussell, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds
U.S. EPA Region 10
1200 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Attorney General Certification of Amended Idaho Water Quality Standards, Docket No. 58-0102-1102

Dear Mr. Bussell:

I have reviewed the process by which the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality adopted revisions to the Idaho Water Quality Standards (Docket No. 58-0102-1102) and hereby certify that said rules were duly adopted pursuant to state law. Consistent with provisions of state law for public participation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) used a negotiated rulemaking process that included one meeting with stakeholders to develop the rule language. During the negotiated rulemaking process, stakeholders also provided written comments to DEQ. In addition, DEQ provided an opportunity for the public in general to submit comments prior to the adoption of these rules. A public hearing was not scheduled nor requested.

The rules were approved by the Idaho Legislature during the 2012 session and became final and effective on March 29, 2012.

Yours very truly,

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