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Reply to  
Attn Of: OWW-134

SEP 30 2005

Barry N. Burnell, Administrator  
Water Quality Program  
Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, ID 83706-1255

Re: Approval of the Camas Creek Subbasin TMDLs

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Camas Creek subbasin as submitted on August 31, 2005, and received by EPA on September 2, 2005.

The following table contains EPA approved TMDLs for waterbodies on the 1998 Idaho, 303(d) list.

<i>Water body Name</i>	<i>Segment ID Number</i>	<i>Assessment Units</i>	<i>1998 §303(d) Boundaries</i>	<i>Pollutants</i>
Beaver Creek	5309	ID17040220SK004_02	Headwaters to Willow Creek	Temperature
Camas Creek	2532	ID17040220SK013_05 ID17040220SK001_05 ID17040220SK007_05 ID17040220SK018_04 ID17040220SK018_03 ID17040220SK018_02	Headwaters to Macon Flat Bridge	Sediment, Nutrients, Temperature
Camp Creek	5302	ID17040220SK002_02 ID17040220SK002_03	Headwater to Camas Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Corral Creek	5306	ID17040220SK015_03	Highway 20 to Camas Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Cow Creek	5307	ID17040220SK018_02	Headwaters to Cow Creek Reservoir	Sediment, Nutrients
Elk Creek	5304	ID17040220SK006_02	Baseline Road to Camas Creek	Sediment
Little Beaver Creek	5301	ID17040220SK004_02	Headwaters to Beaver Creek	Temperature

McKinney Creek	5305	ID17040220SK025_02	Headwaters to Mormon Reservoir	Sediment
Soldier Creek	2537	ID17040220SK011_02	Baseline to Camas Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Wild Horse Creek	5308	ID17040220SK021_03	Highway 20 to Camas Creek	Sediment, Bacteria, Temperature
Willow Creek	5303	ID17040220SK003_04	Beaver Creek to Camas Creek	Temperature

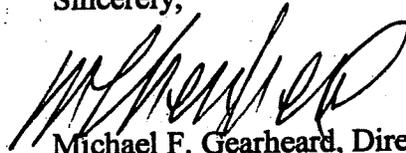
EPA also approves the Dairy Creek TMDL for sediment and nutrients. Dairy Creek was not included on the 1998 303(d) list. The information contained in this TMDL demonstrates that Dairy Creek is in fact water quality limited for sediment and nutrients and in need of a TMDL. Because the Dairy Creek TMDL has approved sediment and nutrients TMDLs associated with it, it does not need to be added to Idaho's next 303(d) list for sediment and nutrients. This approval also includes the letter from IDEQ that corrects the footnote for Table 73, page 169, that provides calculations for the City of Fairfield effluent temperatures.

The August 31, 2005, submittal also includes the Implementation Strategy for the TMDLs. While EPA is not taking action on the Implementation Strategy, we believe implementation is the critical next step for realizing improvements in water quality called for in the TMDL and encourage IDEQ to continue their work with appropriate parties and agencies to take actions that will implement reductions called for in the TMDL.

We are impressed by the commitment and hard work shown by IDEQ staff during the development of this TMDL. I want to extend my thanks to Jennifer Claire for providing a tour of the watershed to Martha Turvey of my staff. This tour helped in her understanding of the document and the goals and objectives of the implementation efforts ongoing in the watershed.

By EPA approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State Water Quality Management Plan under Section 303(e) of the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-7151 or Martha Turvey at (206) 553-1354.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Gearheard, Director  
Office of Water and Watersheds

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