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Reply To
Attn Of: OWW-134

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

RE: Approval of Rueger Springs Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Addendum
of the Lake Walcott TMDL

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the total suspended solids and total phosphorus wasteload allocations for the fish production facility and the revisions to nonpoint source load allocations for bacteria, total suspended solids, and total phosphorus contained in the Rueger Springs TMDL Addendum of the Lake Walcott TMDL, as submitted on January 30, 2005.

This TMDL addendum approval applies to the waterbody identified in the Table below for bacteria, total phosphorus and total suspended solids. Rueger Springs is not listed, but is a tributary to the Lake Walcott section of the Snake River. The wasteload allocations for aquaculture apply for one facility which is a source to the listed segment. This addendum revises the previous TMDL that was written to cover these facilities and pollutants, including the *Lake Walcott Watershed Management Plan (Lake Walcott TMDL)* which was approved by EPA on June 28, 2000.

<i>Water Body Segment</i>	<i>Assessment Unit</i>	<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>TMDL(s)</i>	<i>Changes to §303(d) List</i>	<i>Justification</i>
Rueger Springs	ID17040209S K0011_03 (Snake River – American Falls to Rock Creek)	Nutrients (TP) Sediment (TSS) Bacteria (E. coli)	Yes	None	Meet downstream TMDL reductions

We appreciate the work of Balthasar Buhidar and the aquaculture industry in the development of these WLAs.

This approval constitutes wasteload allocations for one aquaculture facility on Rueger Springs. This wasteload allocation will be used for the development of individual NPDES permit limits for the affected facility. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (206)553-7151, or you may call Bill Stewart of my staff at (208)378-5753.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Gearheard, Director
Office of Water & Watersheds

cc: Mike McIntyre, IDEQ Surface Water Program Manager
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