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Subject: Comments on draft list of NPDES discharges to Tier I waters

Hi Paula,

Thanks for distributing the draft list of NPDES discharges to Tier I waters. I want to comment that neither the Nampa WWTP nor the Pocatello WPCF are on the list. The following is the justification for each being on the list:

Nampa WWTP discharges into Indian Creek (ID 17050114SW002_04). DEQ is preparing a TMDL on Indian Creek (both SW002_04 and 003_04) for silt/sedimentation, temperature, fecal coliform, and low dissolved oxygen. Indian Creek also discharges into the Lower Boise River which (according to EPA) needs a TMDL for nutrients. Therefore, Indian Creek should be a Tier I water.

Pocatello WPCF discharges into the Portneuf River (ID 17040208SK001_05). The Portneuf River is listed in the Integrated Report two places. It has an approved TMDL (page 123 of 173 for approved TMDLs) for fecal coliform, total N, nutrients, oils and grease, total P, silt/sedimentation. It is also listed as impaired for dissolved oxygen and temperperatue (page 82 of 93). Since it has an approved TMDL for a number of items that should affect fish, it should be a Tier I water.

Thanks again for your consideration.

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