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Barry Burnell, Administrator
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Subject: Approval of the Addendum to the Lower Boise River Sediment and Bacteria TMDLs

Dear Mr. Burnell:

Following our review and evaluation of the addendum to the Lower Boise River sediment and bacteria TMDLs by Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the addendum for the waters listed in the table below. IDEQ submitted this addendum to EPA by IDEQ on May 1, 2008.

Table of Approved TMDLs

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
Boise River- Indian Creek to mouth	ID17050114SW001_06	Sediment, Bacteria
Boise River - river mile 50 (T04N, R02W, Sec. 32) to Indian Creek	ID17050114SW005_06	Sediment, Bacteria
Boise River - Diversion Dam to river mile 50 (T04N, R02W, Sec. 32)	ID17050114SW011a_06	Sediment, Bacteria
Boise River - Lucky Peak Dam to Diversion Dam	ID17050114SW011b_06	Sediment, Bacteria

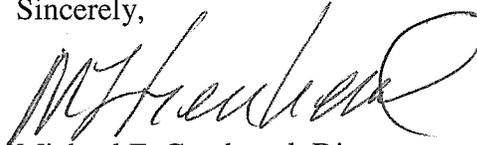
This approval includes an addendum to the existing Lower Boise River sediment and bacteria TMDL, which provides wasteload allocations (WLAs) for the Avimor Development and the City of Kuna, Idaho for sediment and bacteria. Our review indicates that these allocations have been established at a level that, when fully implemented, will lead to the attainment of the water quality criteria addressed by these TMDLs. Therefore, the IDEQ does not need to include these waterbodies on the next 303(d) list of impaired waters for the pollutants covered by this TMDL.

This approval only includes those waters for which a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for the proposed de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17050114 from the Idaho 2002 §303(d) list. Any proposed de-listing of waters will be considered at the time of submission of the next §303(d) list of impaired waters.

Implementation is the critical next step to realize improvements in water quality, and we encourage IDEQ to continue their work with responsible parties on incorporation of these WLAs into the NPDES permits.

By EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §303(e) of the CWA. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-7151, or you may call Bill Stewart of my staff at 208-378-5753.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Gearheard", written in a cursive style.

Michael F. Gearheard, Director
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