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Dear Ms. Wilson,

The following are preliminary comments in regard to DEQ's Negotiated Rulemaking on Water Quality Standards, Docket No. 58-0102-1001.

The Idaho Association of REALTORS® (IAR) is greatly concerned about the potential negative economic impact to the state of Idaho posed by the preliminary draft of the antidegradation rule. IAR staff was present at the DEQ negotiated rulemaking session on April 22, 2010 regarding the proposed rule.

While we certainly understand the need to comply with federal regulations in this area we believe the current draft goes too far in placing unnecessary burdens on Idaho's future economic development. We are currently working with the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and others reviewing antidegradation policies from around the country that have been approved by EPA. IAR will have further specific comments and suggestions on the rule for DEQ in the future.

Sincerely,

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Government Affairs Director



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