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Paula Wilson, Administrative Rules Coordinator
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(sent to: paula.wilson@deq.idaho.gov)

Re: EPA Comments on Documents Presented at the June 12, 2015 IPDES Rulemaking Meeting

Dear Ms. Wilson:

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) submitted the following comments on the draft rule language presented during the above-mentioned negotiated rulemaking meeting for the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) Program. The negotiated rulemaking meeting covered draft rule language for the following:

- Permit Appeals Process
- Issuance, Effective Date and Stays of IPDES Permits
- Stays of Contested Permit Conditions

The EPA reviewed the draft rule language as compared to federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations that are applicable to state NPDES programs under 40 CFR Part 123.

Comments Discussion Paper No. 6

We have no comments on the discussion paper at this time.

Comments on Draft Rules (204, 205 and 206)

The EPA will complete our review and provide comments on these sections of the rule prior to the end of the comment period for the complete rules ending on July 24.

The EPA will reserve further review of and comments upon the complete rule during the official public comment period. Please contact me at (206) 553-1755 or by email at lidgard.michael@epa.gov if you have any questions about this letter or related matters, or you may contact Karen Burgess, of my staff, at (206) 553-1644 or burgess.karen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael J. Lidgard".

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

cc: Mary Anne Nelson, IPDES Program Manager *(sent to: mary.anne.nelson@deq.idaho.gov)*