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Mr. Barry Burnell  
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Re: Approval of the Upper Snake Rock Subbasin TMDL (2000 & 2005) City of Twin Falls TSS Revision (HUC ID 17040212)

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted the Upper Snake Rock Subbasin TMDL (2000 & 2005) City of Twin Falls TSS Revision (HUC ID 17040212) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on January 11, 2011. On February 8, 2011, additional information was provided to EPA regarding a contract between the City of Twin Falls and IDEQ which spells out the City's commitment to install nonpoint source sediment reduction projects to offset the increase in TSS load allowed for its wastewater treatment facility. In addition, information regarding monitoring of the effectiveness of the nonpoint source reduction projects was provided on February 22, 2011. Following our review of the TMDL and supplemental information, EPA is pleased to approve the revision to the Upper Snake Rock TSS TMDL, which affects one assessment unit as listed in the table below.

**EPA-Approved TMDLs on Impaired Waters**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Assessment Unit #</b>	<b>Pollutant</b>
Snake River	ID17040212SK019_07	Sediment

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 standards addressed by these TMDLs. Therefore the IDEQ does not need to include these waters on the next 303(d) list of impaired waters for the pollutant(s) covered by these TMDLs.

This approval only includes those waters for which TMDL revisions were completed. This submittal includes a point source allocation change which relies upon increased nonpoint source reduction measures. These projects and other nonpoint source reduction efforts are the

critical next step to realize improvements in water quality. We appreciate IDEQ's continued work with the City of Twin Falls to complete these projects and monitor their effectiveness.

In closing I would like to recognize the efforts of Marti Bridges and Sonny Buhidar in diligently working through the many details of the TSS TMDL revision. 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) 553-4198, or you may call Leigh Woodruff of my staff at 208-378-5774.

Sincerely,



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