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Mr. Barry Burnell, Administrator
Water Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality
1410 North Hilton
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Re: Approval of the Camas Creek Subbasin TMDLs (HUC: 17040220)

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted the Camas Creek Subbasin Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), 2016 Temperature Addendum to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, along with a cover letter dated December 12, 2016. IDEQ also provided an errata sheet on December 19, 2016 that provided the daily wasteload allocations. Following our review, the EPA is pleased to approve 15 revised temperature TMDLs shown below. The EPA had previously approved TMDLs for these waterbodies on September 30, 2005.

EPA-Approved Revised Temperature TMDLs Using Different Methodology

Water Body	Assessment Unit Number
Camas Creek	ID17040220SK001_05
	ID17040220SK007_05
	ID17040220SK013_05
	ID17040220SK018_02
	ID17040220SK018_03
	ID17040220SK018_04
	ID17040220SK018_05 (formerly part of 018_02)
Camp Creek	ID17040220SK002_02
	ID17040220SK002_03
Willow Creek	ID17040220SK003_04
Beaver Creek	ID17040220SK004_02
	ID17040220SK004_03
Soldier Creek	ID17040220SK011_03 (formerly 011_02)
Corral Creek	ID17040220SK015_03
Wild Horse Creek	ID17040220SK021_03

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 a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for the proposed de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17040220 from the Idaho §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.

Your submittal also includes implementation strategies for the TMDLs. IDEQ developed and submitted these strategies pursuant to the TMDL Settlement Agreement of July 2002. As you know, the EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation strategies under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA); therefore, the EPA is not taking action on these strategies. Implementation is the critical next step to realize improvements in water quality, and we encourage IDEQ to continue their work with responsible parties on implementation of these strategies.

We would like to recognize Mark Shumar for his efforts in bringing these TMDLs to completion.

By the 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) 553-1855, or you may call Jayne Carlin of my staff at (206) 553-8512.

Sincerely,



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