



# **Air Quality Permitting Response to Public Comments**

**May 4, 2018**

**Permit to Construct No. P-2016.0051**

**Project No. 61968**

**City of Jerome Waste Water Treatment Plant  
Jerome, Idaho**

**Facility ID No. 053-00038**

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## BACKGROUND

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provided for public comment on the proposed permit to construct for City of Jerome Waste Water Treatment Plant from March 29, 2018 through April 30, 2018, in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209.01.c. During this period, comments were submitted in response to DEQ's proposed action. Each comment and DEQ's response is provided in the following section. All comments submitted in response to DEQ's proposed action are included in the appendix of this document.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Public comments regarding the technical and regulatory analyses and the air quality aspects of the proposed permit are summarized below. Questions, comments, and/or suggestions received during the comment period that did not relate to the air quality aspects of the permit application, the Department's technical analysis, or the proposed permit are not addressed. For reference purposes, a copy of the Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho can be found at: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/58/0101.pdf>.

- Comment 1:** I think it's a waste of time and money to regulate the emissions from the wastewater treatment plant when the whole of Jerome County reeks of dairy. People who travel I-84 frequently comment about the breathtaking stench along the interstate, doubtful the smell of human waste could be any worse.
- Response 1:** Although the comment does not relate to the proposed permit and supporting technical analysis, it should be noted that certain sized dairies are required to be registered under a permit by rule which requires best management practices for the control of ammonia emissions (IDAPA 58.01.01.760). Also, dairy odor complaints can be directed to the DEQ's Twin Falls Regional Office at (208)736-2190 or the Idaho Department of Agriculture Animal Industries complaint line at (866)435-0490 or using the online complaint form <https://agri.idaho.gov/main/animals/animal-industries-complaint-form/>.

**Appendix**  
**Public Comments Submitted for**  
**Permit to Construct**  
**P-2016.0051**

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**Comments:**

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**Thank you:**