

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Reuse Permit M-215-03

(Previous Permit No. LA-000215-02)

The City of Meridian (hereafter "permittee") is hereby authorized to construct, install, and operate a reuse facility in accordance with (1) this permit; (2) IDAPA 58.01.17 "Recycled Water Rules"; (3) an approved plan of operation; and (4) all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, and rules. This permit is effective from the date of signature and expires on November 21, 2027.


Signature

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1. Common Acronyms/Abbreviations and Definitions

cwt	a unit of weight measurement equal to 100 pounds
DEQ	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
DEQ Guidance	DEQ Guidance for Reclamation and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater, latest revision
Director	Director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality or designee unless otherwise specified
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
E_i	irrigation efficiency
FM	prefix for flow measurement/monitoring location, device, or method reporting serial number
GW	prefix for ground water reporting serial number
IDAPA	Idaho Administrative Procedures Act
IDWR	Idaho Department of Water Resources
IWR	irrigation water requirement - any combination of wastewater and supplemental irrigation water applied at rates commensurate to the moisture requirements of the crop, and calculated monthly during the growing season (GS). The equation used to calculate the IWR is: $IWR = P_{def} / E_i$
LG	prefix for lagoon reporting serial number
MG	million gallons
mg/kg	milligram per kilogram
mg/L	milligram per liter
MU	prefix for management unit reporting environmental serial number
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
P_{def}	precipitation deficit - is synonymous with the net irrigation water requirement of the crop and for the purposes of this permit can be found at the following website http://data.kimberly.uidaho.edu/ETIdaho/
PO	plan of operation
QAPP	quality assurance project plan

Responsible Official	is the facility contact person authorized by the permittee to communicate with DEQ on behalf of the permittee on any matter related to the permit, including without limitation, the authority to communicate with and receive notices from DEQ regarding notices of violation or non-compliance, permit violations, permit enforcement, and permit revocation. The Responsible Official is also responsible for providing written certification of permit application materials, annual report submittals, and other information submitted to DEQ as required by the permit. Any notice to or communication with the Responsible Official is considered a notice to or communication with the permittee. The Responsible Official may designate an Authorized Representative to act as the facility contact person for any of the activities or duties related to the permit, except signing and certifying the permit application, which must be done by the Responsible Official. The Authorized Representative shall act as the Responsible Official and shall bind the permittee as described in this definition. Designation of the Authorized Representative shall follow the requirements specified in Section 6.1.3 of the permit.
SU	prefix for soil monitoring unit reporting serial number
WW	prefix for wastewater reporting serial number

2. Facility Information

Information Type	Information Specific to This Permit
Type(s) of recycled water	Municipal, Class A facility
Method of treatment and reuse	Headworks, primary clarification, activated sludge secondary treatment, tertiary filtration, and disinfection Slow rate land application and non-irrigation uses per section 4.5
Collection and treatment system classification	Wastewater collection system classification: IV Wastewater treatment system classification: IV
Facility location	3401 N. Ten Mile Road, Meridian, Idaho, 83646, Ada County (208) 888-2191 Township 4N, Range 1W, Section 34, N1/2SE ¼
Class A Reuse Project Area (Northwest portion of Meridian's Area of City Impact as shown in section 11)	Township 3N, Range 1W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 Township 4N, Range 1W, Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 Township 4N, Range 1W, portions of Sections 21, 22, 23, and 24
Facility responsible official and authorized representative	Responsible Official: Tammy de Weerd, Mayor 33 E. Broadway Ave. Meridian, ID 83642 (208) 489-0529 Authorized Representative: Laurelei McVey, Wastewater Superintendent 3401 N. Tenmile Road Meridian, ID 83642 (208) 888-2191 lmcvey@meridiacity.org Notify DEQ within 30 days if there is a change in personnel for any of the above facility contacts. A minor permit modification will be issued by DEQ to confirm the change.
Ground water	Seasonal; ranges from 5.5 to 11 feet below ground surface Shallow, unconfined aquifers, less than 250 feet below ground surface, generally flowing in a west-northwest direction Ada Canyon Nitrate Priority Area
Surface water	Boise River, Five Mile Creek, Nine Mile Creek, Ten Mile Creek, numerous irrigation canals, drains, and ditches Beneficial uses include: aesthetics, cold water aquatic life, primary and secondary contact recreation, salmonid spawning, agricultural water supply, industrial water supply, and wildlife habitats

3. Compliance Schedule for Required Activities

Compliance Activity (CA) Number and Completion Due Date	Compliance Activity Description
CA-215-01 Three (3) months after permit issuance	<p>Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP): The permittee shall prepare and implement a QAPP that incorporates all monitoring and reporting required by this permit. A copy of the QAPP along with written notice that the permittee has implemented the QAPP shall be provided to DEQ.</p> <p>The QAPP shall be designed to assist in planning for the collection, analysis, and reporting of all monitoring in support of this permit and in explaining data anomalies when they occur. At a minimum, the QAPP must include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details on the number of measurements, number of samples, type of sample containers, preservation of samples, holding times, analytical methods, analytical detection, and quantitation limits for each target compound, type and number of quality assurance field samples, precision and accuracy requirements, sample preparation requirements, sample shipping methods, and laboratory data delivery requirements. 2. Maps indicating the location of each monitoring, and sampling point. 3. Qualification and training of personnel. 4. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the laboratories used by or proposed to be used by the permittee. 5. Example formats and tables that will be used by the permittee to summarize and present all data in the annual report. <p>The format and content of the QAPP should adhere to the recommendations and references in the Quality Assurance and Data Processing sections of the DEQ Guidance.</p> <p>The permittee shall amend the QAPP whenever there is a modification in sample collection, sample analysis, or other procedure addressed by the QAPP. The permittee shall notify DEQ of material changes to the QAPP and copies shall be kept on site and made available to DEQ upon request.</p>
CA-215-02 As indicated	<p>Permit Modification Application and Revised Ground Water Impact Assessment: Prior to any expansion of the Class A distribution system to irrigate 1) more than a total of 1,213 acres, or 2) outside of the 17,027-acre Class A Reuse Project Area, the permittee shall submit to DEQ for review and approval, a permit modification application and revised ground water impact assessment demonstrating that such expansion(s) would comply with the requirements of the <i>Ground Water Quality Rule</i>, IDAPA 58.01.11.</p>
CA-215-03 One (1) year prior to the expiration date of this permit	<p>Pre-Application Workshop: If the permittee intends to continue operating the reuse facility beyond the expiration date of this permit, the permittee shall contact DEQ and schedule a pre-application workshop to discuss the compliance status of the facility and the content required for the reuse permit application package.</p>
CA-215-04 180 days prior to the expiration date of this permit	<p>Renewal Permit Application: The permittee shall submit to DEQ a complete permit renewal application package, which fulfills the requirements specified at the pre-application workshop identified in CA-215-02.</p>

4. Permit Limits and Conditions

4.1 Management Unit Descriptions

Serial Number	Description	Irrigation System Type and Irrigation Efficiency	Maximum Acres ^a Allowed
MU-21501	Reuse Project Area	Varies	1,213
Total acreage			1,213

a. Maximum acres represent the total permitted acreage of the MU as provided by the permittee.

4.2 Hydraulic Loading Limits

Serial Number	Growing Season Hydraulic Loading	Non-growing Season Maximum Hydraulic Loading, inches
MU-21501	No limit	Not allowed

4.3 Constituent Loading Limits

Serial Number	Constituent Loading (from all sources)	
	Nitrogen (lb/acre)	Salt (NVDS) (lb/acre)
MU-21501	None	None

4.4 Buffer Zones – *Not Required*

4.5 Other Permit Limits and Conditions

Category	Permit Limits and Conditions
Growing season	March 15 through October 31 (231 days)
Non-growing season	November 1 through March 14 (134 days)
Reporting year for annual loading rates	January 1 through December 31
Application Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irrigation only allowed during growing season Other uses allowed year-round
Operator certification and endorsement	The wastewater treatment facility and reuse system shall be operated by personnel certified and licensed in the State of Idaho wastewater operator training program at the operator class level specified in IDAPA 58.01.16.203 and properly trained to operate and maintain the system
Filter loading limit	Loading rate to the filter shall not exceed 6 gallons per minute per square foot.

Category	Permit Limits and Conditions
Turbidity limits in treated effluent prior to disinfection during periods of recycled water production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily arithmetic mean of all measurements of turbidity shall not exceed 2 NTU • Turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU at any time • When the continuous turbidity measurements are above the instantaneous limit of 5 NTU for more than five minutes, filtered effluent shall be automatically diverted until such time as the effluent is below the instantaneous limit
Disinfection limits in recycled water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The median number of total coliform organisms shall not exceed two and two-tenths (2.2) per one hundred (100) milliliters, as determined from the bacteriological results of the last seven (7) days for which analyses have been completed • No sample shall exceed twenty-three (23) organisms per one hundred (100) milliliters in any confirmed sample
Disinfection requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A chlorine disinfection process that provides a concentration/contact time (CT) of four hundred and fifty (450) milligram-minutes per liter (mg-min/L) measured at the end of the contact time based on total chlorine residual and a modal contact time of not less than ninety (90) minutes based on peak day dry weather flow; or • A disinfection process that, when combined with filtration, has been demonstrated to achieve 5-log inactivation of virus
Nitrogen limit	Total nitrogen at the point of compliance shall not exceed 15.5 mg/L based on the mean of the growing season samples
Five (5) Day Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	BOD ₅ shall not exceed ten (10) mg/L based on a monthly arithmetic mean as determined from weekly composite sampling
pH in recycled water	Between 6.0 and 9.0
Allowable uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses allowed for Class A recycled water in Table 3 of the Recycled Water Rules, 58.01.17.602.02, exclusive of ground water recharge • Commercial Carwash Facilities, with warning signs adequate to notify the public the water is recycled water and is not safe for drinking • Uses may be further limited by the Plan of Operation

Category	Permit Limits and Conditions
Public Education Program	<p>All operators of Class A recycled water distribution systems, including operators of distribution systems that utilize a combination of Class A recycled water and other irrigation waters, operators of the distribution system from the wastewater treatment plant to the point of compliance or point of use or point of sale, as applicable, and those operators that are employed by buyers of the Class A recycled water for subsequent use, including home occupants, shall be required to sign a utility user agreement provided by the utility providing the Class A recycled water that states that the user understands the origin of the effluent and the concept of agronomic rate for applying the Class A recycled water. Contracts for sale of Class A recycled water for subsequent use shall also include these requirements. Individual homeowners are allowed to operate or maintain Class A recycled water distribution systems.</p> <p>The permittee must maintain a public education program within its service area to teach customers the benefits and responsibilities of using Class A recycled water.</p> <p>Executed user agreements shall be retained by permittee until such time as Class A effluent is no longer provided or available to the user.</p>
Access	<p>Drinking fountains, picnic tables, food establishments, and other public eating facilities shall be placed out of any spray irrigation area in which Class A recycled water is used, or shall be otherwise protected from contact with the Class A recycled water</p>
Pumping facilities identification and signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All exposed and above ground piping, risers, fittings, pumps, valves, etc., shall be painted purple color (Pantone 512, 522 or other equivalent product acceptable to DEQ). In addition, all piping shall be identified using an accepted means of labeling reading "Caution: Recycled Water - Do Not Drink" or equivalent signage in both Spanish and English. In a fenced pump station area, signs shall be posted on the fence on all sides. • Designated facilities using Class A recycled water from a pumping facility, such as, but not limited to, controller panels and washdown or blow-off hydrants on water trucks, hose bibs, and temporary construction services, shall have warning labels installed. The labels shall read, "Caution: Recycled Water - Do Not Drink" or equivalent signage, in both Spanish and English.
Water feature and irrigated public area identification and signage	<p>Where Class A recycled water is stored or impounded, or used for irrigation in public areas, warning signs shall be installed and contain, at a minimum, one (1) inch purple letters (Pantone 512, 522 or other equivalent product acceptable to DEQ) on a white or other high contrast background notifying the public that the water is unsafe to drink. Signs may also have a purple background with white or other high contrast lettering. Warning signs and labels shall read, in both English and Spanish, "Caution: Recycled Water - Do Not Drink" or equivalent signage approved by DEQ.</p>

Category	Permit Limits and Conditions
Distribution system identification and signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permittee shall implement requirements for private piping connected to permittee's distribution system. • All new buried pipe conveying Class A Recycled Water, including service lines, valves, and other appurtenances, shall be colored purple, and the precise color used, e.g., Pantone 512, 522 or equivalent, shall be consistently used throughout the system. The precise color proposed for use shall be identified in plans and specifications. Label piping every ten (10) feet "Caution: Recycled Water - Do Not Drink" or equivalent signage in both Spanish and English. If fading or discoloration of the purple pipe is experienced during construction, identification tape or locating wire along the pipe is required. • If identification tape is installed along with the purple pipe, it shall be prepared with white or black printing on a purple color field as approved by DEQ, having the words, "Caution: Recycled Water - Do Not Drink" or equivalent signage in both Spanish and English. The overall width of the tape shall be at least three (3) inches. Identification tape shall be installed eighteen (18) inches above the transmission pipe longitudinally, shall be centered over the pipe, and shall run continuously along the length of the pipe. • All new valves shall have locking valve covers that are non-interchangeable with potable water valve covers, and shall have an inscription cast on the top surface stating "Recycled Water" or equivalent. • All above ground pipes and pumps shall be consistently color coded (purple) and marked to differentiate Class A recycled water facilities from potable water facilities. • The permittee shall maintain detailed and up to date maps of the recycled water distribution system.
Construction plans	<p>Pursuant to Idaho Code §39-118, IDAPA 58.01.16, and IDAPA 58.01.17, detailed plans and specifications shall be submitted to DEQ for review and approval prior to construction, modification, or expansion of any wastewater treatment, storage, conveyance structures, ground water monitoring wells, or reuse facility. Inspection requirements shall be satisfied and within 30 days of completion of construction, the permittee shall submit as-built plans or a letter from an Idaho Professional Engineer certifying the facilities or structures were constructed in substantial accordance with the approved plans and specifications.</p>
Flow meter calibration/verification	<p>Document the flow measurement calibration/verification of all flow meters and pumps used directly or indirectly to measure recycled water, when such devices are used to assess or demonstrate compliance.</p>
Backflow prevention	<p>Backflow prevention is required to protect surface water and ground water from an unauthorized discharge of recycled water or wastewater. Refer to section 9.1.1 of this permit.</p>
Records retention requirements	<p>Keep records generated to meet the requirements of this permit for the duration of permit, including administrative extensions, plus 2 years.</p>

5. Monitoring Requirements

5.1 Wastewater and Recycled Water Sampling and Analyses

5.1.1 Constituent Monitoring

Monitoring Point Serial Number and Location	Sample Description	Sample Type and Frequency	Constituents (Units in mg/L Unless Otherwise Specified)
WW-215-01 Influent to filtration	Filtration influent	Continuously (during periods of recycled water production)	- Turbidity (NTU) - Number of filter units in operation, or other method to show compliance with the filter loading limit in Section 4.5
WW-215-02 Filtration effluent	Filtration effluent prior to chlorination	Continuously (during periods of recycled water production)	- Turbidity (NTU)
		24-hour composite/weekly (during periods of recycled water production)	- Total nitrogen (total Kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrate+nitrite nitrogen) - BOD ₅
		24-hour composite/monthly (during the growing season during periods of recycled water production)	- Total phosphorus, as P - Total dissolved solids
WW-215-04 Recycled Water Pump Station	Recycled water to MU-21501	Grab/daily or continuously (during periods of recycled water production)	- Total coliform (organisms / 100 mL) - pH
		Continuously (during periods of recycled water production)	- Total chlorine residual

5.1.2 Management Unit and Other Flow Monitoring

Management Unit or Flow Measurement Serial Number and Location	Sample Description	Sample Type and Frequency	Measured Parameters, each MU or FM
FM-215-01 Flow meter at Reclaimed Water Pumping Station	Recycled water after chlorine disinfection	- Daily meter reading - Monthly compilation of data	- Volume (MG/day) - Volume (MG/month)

5.2 Ground Water Monitoring – *Not Required*

5.3 Soil Monitoring – *Not Required*

5.4 Crop Monitoring – *Not Required*

5.5 Lagoon Information – *Not Applicable*

6. Reporting Requirements

6.1 Annual Report Requirements

The permittee shall submit to DEQ an Annual Report prepared by a competent environmental professional covering the previous reporting year.

6.1.1 Due Date

The Annual Report is due no later than March 1 of each year, which shall cover the previous reporting year.

6.1.2 Required Contents

The Annual Report shall include the following:

1. A brief interpretive discussion of all required monitoring data. The discussion shall address data quality objectives, validation, and verification; permit compliance; and reuse facility environmental impacts. The reporting year for this permit is specified in section 4.5.
2. Results of the required monitoring as described in section 5 of this permit. If the permittee monitors any parameter for compliance purposes more frequently than required by this permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the Annual Report. The report shall present all monitoring data in organized data summary tables to expedite review.
3. Status of all work described in section 3 of this permit.
4. Results of all backflow testing, repairs, and replacements required by section 9.1.1 of this permit.
5. Discussion of major maintenance activities such as major equipment replacement, lagoon liner maintenance, and wastewater treatment and reuse facility maintenance.
6. A summary of all noncompliance events that occurred during the reporting year. Examples of noncompliance events that must be discussed include, but are not limited to: exceedance of permit limits, complaints, missed monitoring events, incorrect monitoring dates or frequencies, dry monitoring wells, uncontained spills causing runoff, construction without DEQ engineering plan approval, construction without engineering inspection, and reporting incorrect acreage.
7. Submittal of the calculations and observations for management units specified in the table below.
8. Laboratory analytical data summaries including all monitoring results for monitoring specified in section 5 of the permit. All laboratory analytical reports, chain of custody forms, supporting information for laboratory analytical reports, and quality assurance documentation shall be available for review upon request by DEQ.
9. The parameters in the following table:

Monitoring Point Serial Number	Parameter (Calculate for each MU)	Units
MU-21501	Daily arithmetic mean of turbidity in treated effluent prior to disinfection during days with recycled water production	NTU
	Monthly arithmetic mean of BOD ₅ concentration in filtration effluent for periods with recycled water production	mg/L
	Seasonal average total nitrogen concentration in filtration effluent for periods with recycled water production during the growing season	mg/L
	Daily median number of total coliform organisms determined by the bacteriological results of the last 7 days for which analyses were completed	Total coliform organisms per 100 mL
Other Reporting Requirements: 1. Identify all irrigation sites used and associated acreages used, with maps delineating site locations.		

6.1.3 Submittals

All applications, annual reports, or information submitted to DEQ as required by this permit shall be signed and certified as follows:

1. Permit applications shall be signed by the Responsible Official as follows:
 - a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer;
 - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively;
 - c. For a municipality, state, federal, Indian tribe, or other public agency: by either the principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or a person of decision-making authority who can legally bind the permittee with respect to the permit.
2. Annual reports and other information required by this permit shall be signed by the Responsible Official or by a duly Authorized Representative of that person. A person is a duly Authorized Representative only if:
 - a. The authorization is made in writing by the responsible official;
 - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility, such as the position of plant manager, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company; and
 - c. The written authorization is submitted to DEQ.

Submit all applications, annual reports, and other information required by this permit to the following DEQ regional office at this address:

Engineering Manager
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Boise Regional Office
1445 N. Orchard
Boise, Idaho 83706

The annual report shall include the following certification statement and be signed, dated, and certified by the permittee's Responsible Official or duly Authorized Representative:

"I certify that the information provided in this submittal was prepared in conformance with the Quality Assurance Plan, and is to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete and I acknowledge that knowing submission of false or incomplete information may result in permit revocation as provided for in IDAPA 58.01.17.920.01 or other enforcement action as provided for under Idaho law."

Permit applications shall include the following certification statement and be signed, dated, and certified by the permittee's Responsible Official:

"I certify that the information provided in this submittal is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete and I acknowledge that knowing submission of false or incomplete information may result in permit revocation as provided for in IDAPA 58.01.17.920.01, non-issuance of the permit, or other enforcement action as provided for under Idaho law."

Other information submitted to DEQ as required by the permit shall include the above certification statement and be signed, dated, and certified by the permittee's Responsible Official or duly Authorized Representative.

6.2 Emergency and Noncompliance Reporting

Report noncompliance incidents to DEQ Boise Regional Office at (208) 373-0550 or toll-free at (888) 800-3480.

In case of emergencies, call the Idaho State Communication Center's (StateComm) emergency 24-hour number at 1-800-632-8000 or (208) 846-7610.

See Section 8, "Standard Permit Conditions," and IDAPA 58.01.17.500.06 for reporting requirements for facilities.

All instances of 1) permit non-compliance which may endanger public health or the environment and 2) unauthorized discharges to surface waters of the State of Idaho shall be reported to DEQ's regional office by telephone within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the discharge at the phone numbers provided in this section.

A written follow-up shall be provided to the DEQ regional office within 5 days from the time the permittee became aware of the permit non-compliance or unauthorized discharge.

Reporting of unauthorized discharges to surface waters of the United States to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may also be required. Contact information for EPA is provided below:

EPA Contact Information:

NPDES/Stormwater Coordinator, USEPA Idaho Operations Office
950 W. Bannock, Suite 900
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 378-5746 / (208) 378-5744 and EPA Hot Line (206) 553-1846

7. Reserved

8. Standard Permit Conditions

The following standard permit conditions are included as terms of this permit as required by the “Recycled Water Rules,” (IDAPA 58.01.17.500).

500. STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS.

The following conditions shall apply to and be included in all permits. (4-1-88)

- 01. Compliance Required.** The permittee shall comply with all conditions of the permit. (4-1-88)
- 02. Renewal Responsibilities.** If the permittee intends to continue operation of the permitted facility after the expiration of an existing permit, the permittee shall apply for a new permit in accordance with these rules. (4-1-88)
- 03. Operation of Facilities.** The permittee shall at all times properly maintain and operate all structures, systems, and equipment for treatment, control and monitoring, which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the permit or these rules. (4-1-88)
- 04. Provide Information.** The permittee shall furnish to the Director within a reasonable time, any information including copies of records, which may be requested by the Director to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking, re-issuing, or terminating the permit, or to determine compliance with the permit or these rules. (4-1-88)
- 05. Entry and Access.** The permittee shall allow the Director, consistent with Title 39, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, to:
 - a.** Enter the permitted facility. (4-1-88)
 - b.** Inspect any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit. (4-1-88)
 - c.** Inspect any facility, equipment, practice, or operation permitted or required by the permit. (4-1-88)
 - d.** Sample or monitor for the purpose of assuring permit compliance, any substance or any parameter at the facility. (4-1-88)
- 06. Reporting.** The permittee shall report to the Director under the circumstances and in the manner specified in this section: (4-1-88)
 - a.** In writing at least thirty (30) days before any planned physical alteration or addition to the permitted facility or activity if that alteration or addition would result in any significant change in information that was submitted during the permit application process. When the alteration or addition results in a need for a major modification, such alteration or addition shall not be made prior to Department approval issued in accordance with these rules. (4-7-11)
 - b.** In writing thirty (30) days before any anticipated change which would result in noncompliance with any permit condition or these rules. (4-1-88)

c. Orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the permittee became aware of any noncompliance which may endanger the public health or the environment at telephone numbers provided in the permit by the Director. (4-1-88)

d. In writing as soon as possible but within five (5) days of the date the permittee knows or should know of any noncompliance unless extended by the Department. This report shall contain: (4-1-88)

i. A description of the noncompliance and its cause; (4-1-88)

ii. The period of noncompliance including to the extent possible, times and dates and, if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated length of time it is expected to continue; and (4-7-11)

iii. Steps taken or planned, including timelines, to reduce or eliminate the continuance or reoccurrence of the noncompliance. (4-7-11)

e. In writing as soon as possible after the permittee becomes aware of relevant facts not submitted or incorrect information submitted, in a permit application or any report to the Director. Those facts or the correct information shall be included as a part of this report. (4-1-88)

07. Minimize Impacts. The permittee shall take all necessary actions to eliminate and correct any adverse impact on the public health or the environment resulting from permit noncompliance. (4-1-88)

08. Compliance with “Ground Water Quality Rule.” Permits issued pursuant to these rules shall require compliance with IDAPA 58.01.11, “Ground Water Quality Rule.” (4-7-11)

9. General Permit Conditions

The following general permit conditions are based on the cited rules at the time of issuance and are enforceable as part of this permit. Note that the rules cited in this section, and elsewhere in this permit, are supplemented by the rules themselves. Rules applicable to your facility are enforceable whether or not they appear in this permit.

9.1 Operations

9.1.1 Backflow Prevention

Reuse facilities with existing or planned cross-connections or interconnections between the recycled water system and any water supply (potable or nonpotable) or surface water, shall have backflow prevention assemblies, devices, or methods as required by applicable rule or as specified in this permit and approved by DEQ.

For public water systems, backflow assemblies shall meet the requirements of IDAPA 58.01.08.543. Assemblies shall be adequately maintained and shall be tested annually by a certified backflow assembly tester, and repaired or replaced as necessary to maintain operational status.

For domestic water supply wells, backflow prevention devices shall meet the requirements of IDAPA 07.02.04 and shall be adequately operated and maintained.

Irrigation water supply wells shall meet the requirements of IDAPA 37.03.09.36 for preventing any waste or contamination of the ground water resource. Backflow prevention assemblies or devices used to protect the ground water shall be adequately operated and maintained.

Discharge of recycled water to surface water is regulated by the EPA NPDES program. An NPDES permit is required for any discharge to surface water and backflow prevention shall be implemented to prevent any unauthorized discharge. Backflow prevention assemblies or devices used to protect surface water shall be adequately operated and maintained.

Records of all testable backflow assembly test results, repairs, and replacements shall be kept at the reuse facility along with other operational records, and shall be discussed in the Annual Report and made available for inspection by DEQ. Other approved means of backflow prevention, such as siphons and air-gap structures that cannot be tested, shall be maintained in operable order.

9.1.2 Restricted to Premises

Wastewaters or recharge waters applied to the land surface must be restricted to the premises of the application site. Wastewater discharges to surface water that require a permit under the Clean Water Act must be authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (IDAPA 58.01.16.600.02).

9.1.3 Health Hazards, Nuisances, and Odors Prohibited

Health hazards, nuisances, and odors are prohibited as follows:

- Wastewater must not create a public health hazard or nuisance condition (IDAPA 58.01.16.600.03).
- No person shall allow, suffer, cause or permit the emission of odorous gases, liquids, or solids into the atmosphere in such quantities as to cause air pollution (IDAPA 58.01.01.776.01).
 - Air Pollution. The presence in the outdoor atmosphere of any air pollutant or combination thereof in such quantity of such nature and duration and under such conditions as would be injurious to human health or welfare, to animal or plant life, or to property, or to interfere unreasonably with the enjoyment of life or property (IDAPA 58.01.01.006.06).

9.1.4 Solids Management

Biosolids are the nutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of sewage sludge. When treated and processed, sewage sludge becomes biosolids which can be safely recycled and applied as fertilizer to sustainably improve and maintain productive soils and stimulate plant growth.

Biosolids generated from sewage sludge are regulated by EPA under 40 CFR Part 503 and require a DEQ approved sludge disposal plan as outlined in IDAPA 58.01.16.650. Contact DEQ prior to application of biosolids at any permitted reuse facility.

Sludge is the semi-liquid mass produced and removed by wastewater treatment processes. This does not include grit, garbage, and large solids.

Sludge may be generated by wastewater treatment processes at municipal and industrial facilities. A DEQ-approved sludge disposal plan, as outlined in IDAPA 58.01.16.650, may be required.

Solid Waste is any garbage or refuse, sludge from a waste water treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded material including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations and from community activities, but does not include solid or dissolved materials in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved material in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended or source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Solid waste does not include inert wastes, manures and crop residues ultimately returned to the soils at agronomic rates, and any agricultural solid waste which is managed and regulated pursuant to rules adopted by the Idaho Department of Agriculture. DEQ reserves the right to use existing authorities to regulate agricultural waste that impacts human health or the environment.

Solid waste is regulated under IDAPA 58.01.06, "Solid Waste Management Rules". Wastes otherwise regulated by DEQ (i.e. this permit) are not regulated under 58.01.06.

Waste Solids include sludge and wastes otherwise regulated by DEQ in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.06.001.03.a.xii. Waste solids may include vegetative waste, silt and mud containing organic matter, and other non-inert solid wastes.

Inert wastes are defined as non-combustible, nonhazardous, and non-putrescible solid wastes that are likely to retain their physical and chemical structure and have a de minimis potential to generate leachate under expected conditions of disposal, which includes resistance to biological attack.

Waste solids require a DEQ approved sludge disposal plan as outlined in IDAPA 58.01.16.650.

9.1.5 Temporary Cessation of Operations and Closure (IDAPA 58.01.17.801)

Temporary cessation of operations and closure must be addressed as follows:

01. Temporary Cessation. A permittee shall implement any applicable conditions specified in the permit for temporary cessation of operations. When the permit does not specify applicable temporary cessation conditions, the permittee shall notify the Director prior to a temporary cessation of operations at the facility greater than sixty (60) days in duration and any cessation not for regular maintenance or repair. Cessation of operations necessary for regular maintenance or repair of a duration of sixty (60) days or less are not required to notify the Department under this section. All notifications required under this section shall include a proposed temporary cessation plan that will ensure the cessation of operations will not pose a threat to human health or the environment. (4-7-11)

02. Closure. A closure plan shall be required when a facility is closed voluntarily and when a permit is revoked or expires. A permittee shall implement any applicable conditions specified in the permit for closure of the facility. Unless otherwise directed by the terms of the permit or by the Director, the permittee shall submit a

closure plan to the Director for approval at least ninety (90) days prior to ceasing operations. The closure plan shall ensure that the closed facility will not pose a threat to human health and the environment. Closure plan approval may be conditioned upon a permittee's agreement to complete such site investigations, monitoring, and any necessary remediation activities that may be required. (4-7-11)

9.1.6 Plan of Operation (IDAPA 58.01.17.300.05)

The PO must comply with the following:

05. Reuse Facility Operation and Maintenance Manual or Plan of Operations. A facility's operation and maintenance manual must contain all system components relating to the reuse facility in order to comply with IDAPA 58.01.16 "Wastewater Rules," Section 425. Manuals and manual amendments are subject to the review and approval provision therein. In addition to the content required by IDAPA 58.01.16.425, manuals for reuse facilities shall include, if applicable: operation and management responsibility, permits and standards, general plant description, operation and control of unit operations, land application site maps, wastewater characterization, cropping plan, hydraulic loading rate, constituent loading rates, compliance activities, seepage rate testing, site management plans, monitoring, site operations and maintenance, solids handling and processing, laboratory testing, general maintenance, records and reports, store room and inventory, personnel, an emergency operating plan, and any other information required by the Department. (4-7-11)

9.1.7 Seepage Testing Requirements (IDAPA 58.01.16.493.02.c)

Subsequent Tests. All lagoons covered under these rules must be seepage tested by an Idaho licensed professional engineer, an Idaho licensed professional geologist, or by individuals under their supervision every ten (10) years after the initial testing. (5-8-09)

9.1.8 Ground Water Quality Rule (IDAPA 58.01.11)

The permittee shall comply with the requirements of the "Ground Water Quality Rule" (IDAPA 58.01.11).

9.2 Administrative

Requirements for administration of the permit are defined as follows.

9.2.1 Permit Modification (IDAPA 58.01.17.700)

01. Modification of Permits. A permit modification may be initiated by the receipt of a request for modification from the permittee, or may be initiated by the Department if one (1) or more of the following causes for modification exist: (4-7-11)

a. Alterations. There are material and substantial alterations or additions to the permitted facility or activity which occurred after permit issuance which justify the application of permit conditions that are different or absent in the existing permit. (4-7-11)

b. New standards or regulations. The standards or regulations on which the permit was based have been changed by promulgation of amended standards or regulations or by judicial decision after the permit was issued. (4-7-11)

c. Compliance schedules. The Department determines good cause exists for modification of a compliance schedule or terms and conditions of a permit. (4-7-11)

d. Non-limited pollutants. When the level of discharge of any pollutant which is not limited in the permit exceeds the level which may cause an adverse impact to surface or ground waters. (4-7-11)

e. To correct technical mistakes, such as errors in calculation, or mistaken interpretations of law made in determining permit conditions. (4-7-11)

f. When a treatment technology proposed, installed, and properly operated and maintained by the permittee fails to achieve the requirements of the permit. (4-7-11)

9.2.2 Permit Transferable (IDAPA 58.01.17.800)

01. General. A permit may be transferred only upon approval of the Department. No transfer is required for a corporate name change as long as the secretary of state can verify that a change in name alone has occurred. An attempted transfer is not effective for any purpose until approved in writing by the Department. (4-7-11)

9.2.3 Permit Revocation (IDAPA 58.01.17.920)

01. Conditions for Revocation. The Director may revoke a permit if the permittee violates any permit condition or these rules, or the Director becomes aware of any omission or misrepresentation of condition or information relied upon when issuing the permit. (4-7-11)

02. Notice of Revocation. Except in cases of emergency, the Director shall issue a written notice of intent to revoke to the permittee prior to final revocation. Revocation shall become final within thirty-five (35) days of receipt of the notice by the permittee, unless within that time the permittee requests an administrative hearing in writing. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.23, Rules of Administrative Procedure before the Board of Environmental Quality.” (5-3-03)

03. Emergency Action. If the Director finds the public health, safety or welfare requires emergency action, the Director shall incorporate findings in support of such action in a written notice of emergency revocation issued to the permittee. Emergency revocation shall be effective upon receipt by the permittee. Thereafter, if requested by the permittee in writing, the Director shall provide the permittee a revocation hearing and prior notice thereof. Such hearings shall be conducted in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.23, “Rules of Administrative Procedure Before the Board of Environmental Quality.” (3-15-02)

04. Revocation and Closure. A permittee shall perform the closure requirements in a permit, the closure requirements of these rules, and complete all closure plan activities notwithstanding the revocation of the permit. (4-7-11)

9.2.4 Violations (IDAPA 58.01.17.930)

Any person violating any provision of these rules or any permit or order issued thereunder shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day of a continuing violation, whichever is greater. In addition, pursuant to Title 39, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, any willful or negligent violation may constitute a misdemeanor. (4-1-88)

9.2.5 Severability

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if a provision or its application is declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, that declaration will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

10. Other Applicable Laws

DEQ may refer enforcement of the following provisions to the state agency authorized to enforce that rule. The permittee shall comply with all applicable provisions identified in this section. Compliance with this permit does not relieve the permittee from applicable requirements in other federal, state, and local laws, statutes, and rules.

10.1 Owner Responsibilities for Well Use and Maintenance

10.1.1 Well Use

The well owner must not operate any well in a manner that causes waste or contamination of the ground water resource. Failure to operate, maintain, knowingly allow the construction of any well in a manner that violates these rules, or failure to repair or properly decommission (abandon) any well as herein required will subject the well owner to civil penalties as provided by statute. See IDAPA 37.03.09.036.01 and consult the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) for more information.

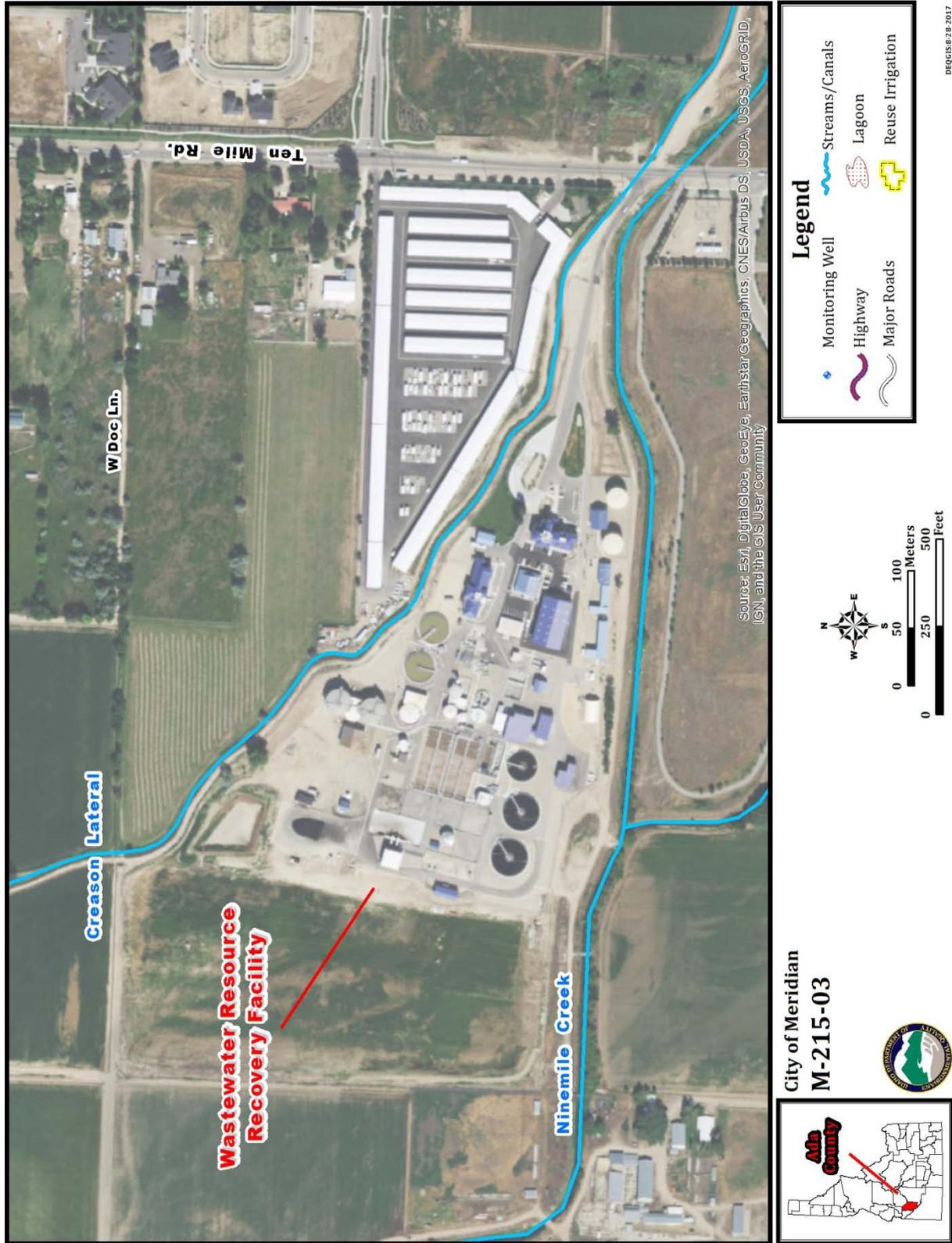
10.1.2 Well Maintenance

The well owner must maintain the well to prevent waste or contamination of ground waters through leaky casings, pipes, fittings, valves, pumps, seals, or through leakage around the outside of the casings, whether the leakage is above or below the land surface. Any person owning or controlling a noncompliant well must have the well repaired by a licensed well driller under a permit issued by the IDWR director in accordance with the applicable rules. See IDAPA 37.03.09.036.02 and consult IDWR for more information.

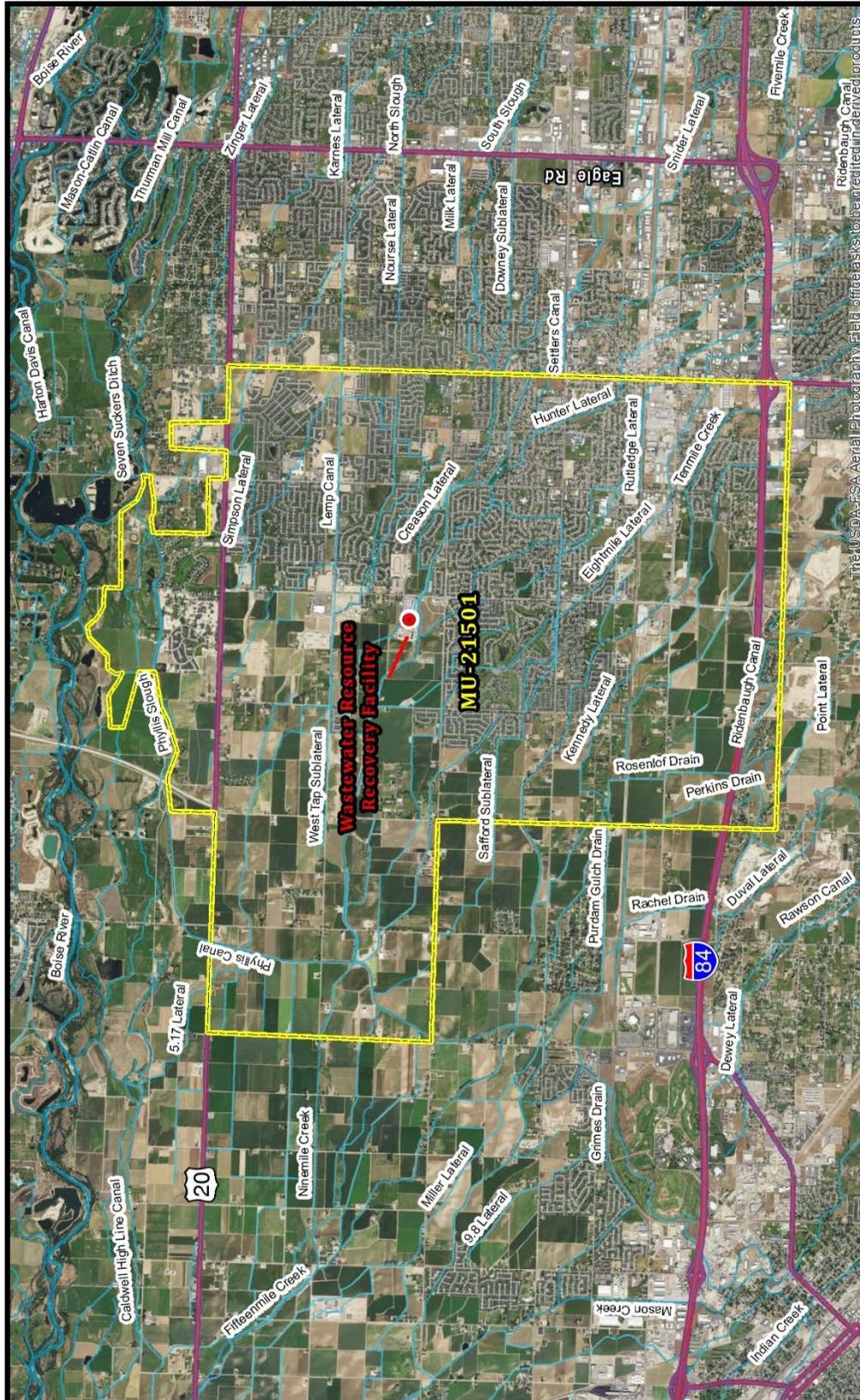
10.1.3 Wells Posing a Threat to Human Health and Safety or Causing Contamination of the Ground Water Resource

The well owner must have any well shown to pose a threat to human health and safety or cause contamination of the ground water resource immediately repaired or decommissioned (abandoned) by a licensed well driller under a permit issued by the IDWR director in accordance with the applicable rules. See IDAPA 37.03.09.036.06 and consult the IDWR for more information.

11.2 Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility Map

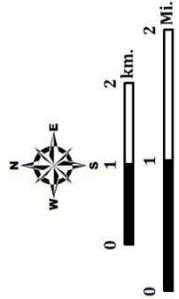


11.3 Management Unit Map



Legend

- Monitoring Well
- Highway
- Major Roads
- Streams/Canals
- Lagoon
- Reuse Irrigation



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