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**RE: ICL comments on DEQ Rulemaking related to Domestic Water Supply.
Docket 58-0102-1730**

Since 1973, the Idaho Conservation League has been Idaho's leading voice for clean water, clean air and wilderness—values that are the foundation for Idaho's extraordinary quality of life. The Idaho Conservation League works to protect these values through public education, outreach, advocacy and policy development. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization, we represent over 30,000 supporters, many of whom rely on clean, plentiful water for domestic use and have a deep personal interest in protecting Idaho's water from possible contamination.

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DEQ proposes to add the term "after appropriate treatment." It is not clear to us what the implications of this change are.

Does this change mean that water of low quality would still qualify as supporting 'domestic water supply' if the pollutants degrading the water quality could be removed through 'appropriate treatment?'

Is it the case that the current rule language requires the water to be of appropriate quality that it can be used for drinking water supplies without treatment?

Does the proposed change mean that in the future, lower quality water will qualify as meeting the requirements of domestic water supply?

Section 110 additions

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How did DEQ determine that these particular water bodies had domestic water supply uses? Was there a comprehensive review of the IDWR database of domestic surface water rights? And if not, we would advocate that that be done so that any additional river segments could be added in this rulemaking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208-345-6933 ext. 24 or jhayes@idahoconservation.org if you have any questions regarding our comments on this.

Sincerely,



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