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December 17, 2018

Sent Via U.S. Mail

Dan Opalski, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds
U.S. EPA Region 10
1200 6th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Attorney General Certification of Revised Idaho Water Quality Standards,
Docket No. 58-0102-1502

Dear Mr. Opalski:

I have reviewed the process by which the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality (Board) adopted revisions to the Idaho Water Quality Standards (Docket No. 58-0102-1502) and hereby certify that the revisions were duly adopted pursuant to Idaho law.

Consistent with provisions of the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act for public participation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) used a negotiated rulemaking process that included nine meetings with stakeholders to develop the rule language. During the negotiated rulemaking process, stakeholders provided written comments to DEQ. A public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5222(2) was not requested nor held; however, the public had an additional opportunity to provide the Board oral comments on the proposed rule during the Board's November 16, 2017 meeting.

These revisions to the water quality standards were approved by the Idaho Legislature and became final and effective on March 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.C.B.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Cecchini-Beaver
Deputy Attorney General

c: Barry Burnell, DEQ