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Mike Bussell, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds
U.S. EPA Region 10
1200 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Attorney General Certification of Amended Idaho Water Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Bussell:

I have reviewed the process by which, on June 29, 2011, the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality (Board) adopted revisions to the Idaho Water Quality Standards (Docket No. 58-0102-1101) and hereby certify that said rules were duly adopted pursuant to state law. The rules were adopted as temporary rules with an effective date of June 30, 2011. Prior to submitting the temporary rules to the Board for adoption, a Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, and a preliminary draft rule was made available for public review. A meeting was held on May 25, 2011. Several members of the public participated in this negotiated rulemaking process by attending the meeting and by submitting written comments.

As required by the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of Environmental Quality will publish the temporary rules in the first available issue of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin. Concurrently with publication of the temporary rules, DEQ will initiate proposed rulemaking, giving the public an additional opportunity to comment on the rules. The public comment period will run from August 3, 2011 through September 2, 2011.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas M. Conde".

Douglas M. Conde
Deputy Attorney General

DMC/pjw

cc: Barry Burnell
Don Essig