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Mr. Barry Burnell, Administrator
Water Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality
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Re: E. coli Errata for Big Wood River Watershed Management Plan of 2002

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted an Errata for the Big Wood River E. coli Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on November 4, 2011. Following our review, the EPA is pleased to approve the E. coli TMDL revision for assessment unit: ID 17040219SK004_05.

Our review indicates that the revised wasteload allocations have been established at a level that, when fully implemented, will lead to the attainment of the water quality standards addressed by this TMDL. Therefore, the IDEQ does not need to include this water on the next 303(d) list of impaired waters for the pollutant covered by this TMDL, and the waterbody may be moved to Category 4a of Idaho's Integrated Report.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of Marti Bridges to compile these corrections in a timely manner so that they may be incorporated into NPDES permits for the affected facilities. By the EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §303(e) of the CWA. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-4198, or you may call Leigh Woodruff, of my staff at (208) 378-5774.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Bussell".

Michael A. Bussell, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds

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