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Mr. Michael F. Gearheard  
Director, Office of Water and Watersheds  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Sixth Street  
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: Lower Boise Total Phosphorus Implementation Plan

*Mike*  
Dear Mr. Gearheard:

Our letter to you dated July 14, 2008 transmitted the *Lower Boise Total Phosphorus Implementation Plan* for the Lower Boise River component of the Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL. We are providing you a revised version of this document which includes language agreed upon as a result of a settlement agreement between DEQ and Micron Technology, Inc. This version also includes a wasteload allocation for the City of Wilder and a small increase in the wasteload allocation for the City of Star.

This implementation plan was developed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Boise Regional Office and the Lower Boise River Watershed Council. The document addresses Load Allocations (LA's) and Wasteload Allocations (WLA's) for non point and point sources that contribute total phosphorus (TP) to the Snake River at Brownlee Reservoir.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has proposed to de-list the Lower Boise River as part of its 2008 Integrated Report. These allocations through the implementation plan are designed to ultimately meet water quality standards and support beneficial uses as identified in the Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL and its tributary allocations for Brownlee Reservoir.

Idaho DEQ developed the implementation plan in accordance with the continuing planning process. This implementation plan is a component of the State Water Quality Management Plan as allowed under the Clean Water Act §303. Idaho DEQ considers the *Lower Boise Total Phosphorus Implementation Plan* to be part of the State Water Quality Management Plan and can be found at the following URL:

[http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/data\\_reports/surface\\_water/tmdls/boise\\_river\\_lower/lbr\\_total\\_phosphorus\\_plan\\_final.pdf](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/data_reports/surface_water/tmdls/boise_river_lower/lbr_total_phosphorus_plan_final.pdf)

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The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is providing this *Lower Boise Total Phosphorus Implementation Plan* to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and requests that EPA fully consider and incorporate the prescribed WLA's into future NPDES permits for the Lower Boise River.

Our Boise Regional Office staff is prepared to discuss any components of this document with your technical/policy staff. Please contact Craig Shepard, Regional Water Quality Manager (208-373-0557) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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