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Dan Opalski, 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, Docket No. 58-0102-1201

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. 58-0102-1201) and hereby certify that said rules were duly adopted pursuant to state 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 meetings with stakeholders to develop the rule language. Eighteen meetings were held between October 2012 and August 2015. During the negotiated rulemaking process, stakeholders also provided written comments to DEQ. In addition, DEQ provided an opportunity for the public in general to submit comments on the proposed rule prior to adoption of these rules. A public hearing was held on October 27, 2015.

These rules were approved by the Idaho Legislature and became final and effective on March 25, 2016.

Yours very truly,

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