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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dan Redline, Regional Administrator
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Coeur d'Alene Regional Office
2110 Ironwood Parkway
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Re: Request for Preliminary Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification of NPDES Draft Permit for Lakes Highway District, Post Falls Highway District, and East Side Highway District Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), NPDES Permit No. IDS028207

Dear Mr. Redline:

Enclosed is a preliminary draft of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and a Fact Sheet for the Lakes Highway District, Post Falls Highway District, and Eastside Highway District MS4s. The EPA is proposing to issue one MS4 NPDES permit that will authorize discharges from each of these MS4s. We are asking for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) to review and provide a preliminary Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification for this permit action.

We intend to issue this permit by mid-November. To meet this schedule, we are asking for your review within 30 days. We look forward to receiving your preliminary certification by October 8, 2018. If we receive the certification prior to public notice of the permit, we will include a reference to the State's certification in the public notice along with a copy of the certification in the fact sheet. The public notice of the permit may also fulfill the IDEQ's public notice requirements for certification under CWA Section 401(a)(1).

Since these preliminary draft documents are not intended for review outside of IDEQ, we appreciate your discretion in retaining them within the department. Please keep us up-to-date about the status of your review. If you have any questions, please contact Misha Vakoc at 206-553-6650 or 1-800-424-4372 ext. 3-6650, or Vakoc.misha@epa.gov. We look forward to your comments on this draft permit.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
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