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December 8, 2003

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Partial Approval of the Mid Snake River/Succor Creek TMDL (Hydrologic Unit Code 17050103)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Department) would like to request partial approval of the Mid Snake River/Succor Creek Total Maximum Daily Load, submitted to EPA on June 10, 2003. This request is based on recent discussions with Mark Filippini and Leigh Woodruff, whereby they indicated that several portions of the TMDL could be approved without waiting for EPA's approval of the Department's natural background provision for temperature. The partial approval of this TMDL would also help rebuild momentum with the local stakeholders as they move into developing the TMDL implementation plan.

Table 1 shows the waterbodies and the pollutants for which the Department is requesting approval. Our understanding is that these TMDLs are approvable as written.

Table 1. TMDLs for which the Department is requesting approval

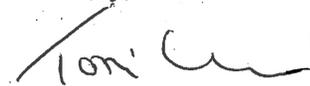
Water Body	Boundary	TMDL Pollutant(s)
Snake River WQLS: 2668 AU: 006_07, 001_07	Swan Falls to Boise River	Nutrients
Castle Creek WQLS: 2680 AU: 014_03, 04, 05	T5S, R1E, S28 to Snake River	Sediment
Jump Creek WQLS: 2673 AU: 005_02, 03	Headwaters to Snake River	Sediment
Sinker Creek	Diamond Creek to Snake River	Sediment, Temperature

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Water Body	Boundary	TMDL Pollutant(s)
WQLS: 2679 AU: 006_03		
Succor Creek WQLS: 2671 AU: 002_04	Oregon Line to Snake River	Sediment, Bacteria
Succor Creek WQLS: 6671 AU: 002_02, 03	Headwaters to Oregon Line	Sediment

The Department appreciates the opportunity to seek partial approval of the Mid Snake River/Succor Creek TMDL. Please contact Bryan Horsburgh of our Boise Regional Office at (208) 373-0502 or Marti Bridges, TMDL Program Manager at (208) 373-0382 if you wish to discuss any of the issues in more detail.

Sincerely,



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