This rulemaking has been initiated to ensure the Rules Regulating the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) Program, IDAPA 58.01.25, remain consistent with federal regulations and to make clarifications in response to ambiguities identified during DEQ’s administration of the IPDES program.

On April 1, 2020, the notice of negotiated rulemaking was published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, and the notice and a preliminary draft rule were posted on DEQ’s website. Meetings were held on April 14 and May 21, 2020. Stakeholders and members of the public participated by signing up for email notifications, attending the meetings, and submitting comments. Key information was posted on DEQ’s website and distributed to persons who participated in the negotiated rulemaking.

All comments received during the negotiated rulemaking process were considered by DEQ when making decisions regarding the development of the rule. At the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking process, DEQ submitted the draft rule to the Division of Financial Management to review for compliance with Executive Order No. 2020-01, Zero-Based Regulation. Based on that review, DEQ has formatted the draft for publication as a proposed rule. DEQ is now seeking public comment on the proposed rule. The negotiated rulemaking record, which includes the negotiated rule drafts, documents distributed during the negotiated rulemaking process, and the negotiated rulemaking summary, is available at deq.idaho.gov/58-0125-2001.