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Ms. Paula Wilson  
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Dear Ms. Wilson:

The Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI) has been actively involved in the rulemaking to establish new human health arsenic water quality standards. The Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) has requested comments by January 15 on Preliminary Draft Rule Number 1. IACI requests that the comment deadline be moved to March.

As the Department is aware, there are several technical questions regarding water column concentrations of inorganic arsenic and associated concentrations in fish tissues. IACI would request further time to further review in detail the extensive data gathered by the Department. We believe that this review would be helpful related to developing/strengthening the scientific basis for new human health arsenic water quality standards.

We very sincerely appreciate the Department's consideration of this request. Please contact me or our Environmental Committee Chair Alan Prouty ([alan.prouty@simplot.com](mailto:alan.prouty@simplot.com)) if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Alex LaBeau  
President

cc: Alan Prouty, Chair  
IACI Environment Committee