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Re: Approval of the Weiser Flats (Brownlee Reservoir Subbasin) TMDLs (HUC 17050211)

Your submittal also includes implementation strategies for the TMDLs. IDEQ developed and submitted these strategies pursuant to TMDL Settlement Agreement of July 2002. As you know, EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation strategies under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act; therefore, EPA is not taking action on these strategies. Implementation is essential to realize improvements in water quality, and we encourage IDEQ to continue their work with responsible parties on implementation of these strategies. We appreciate Lance Holloway and Cory Sandow’s efforts to bring these TMDLs to completion.
By the EPA’s approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State’s Water Quality Management Plan under the Clean Water Act, Section 303(e). If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855, or you may call Jayne Carlin of my staff at (206) 553-8512.

Sincerely,

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