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Michael Szerlog
Acting Director, Water Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Ave., Suite 155
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Attorney General Certification of Revised Idaho Water Quality Standards,
Docket No. 58-0102-2201

Dear Mr. Szerlog:

I have reviewed the process by which the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality (Board) adopted revisions to the Idaho Water Quality Standards and hereby certify that the revisions were duly adopted pursuant to Idaho law. The revisions were negotiated under Docket No. 58-0102-1801, and published as a proposed rule, adopted by the Board, and reviewed by the Idaho Legislature under Docket No. 58-0102-2201.

Consistent with provisions of the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act for public participation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) used a negotiated rulemaking process to develop the rule language. DEQ held thirteen negotiated rulemaking meetings. Stakeholders participated by attending the meetings and providing verbal and written comments. A public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5222(2) was not requested nor held; however, the public had an additional opportunity to submit verbal comments on the proposed rule during the Board's May 26, 2022, meeting.

These revisions to the water quality standards were approved by the Idaho Legislature and became final and effective on April 6, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Short", written over a horizontal line.

Michael A. Short
Deputy Attorney General

c: Mary Anne Nelson, DEQ