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RE: Groundwater Quality Rulemaking, Docket No. 58-0111-2501 (IDAPA 58.01.1)

Dear Idaho Department of Environmental Quality:

I am writing on behalf of the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) to submit comments on the on-going, Zero-Based negotiated rulemaking process for IDAPA 58.01.11 Groundwater Quality Rule (the Rules). Since 1973, the Idaho Conservation League has had a long history of involvement with the environmental protection of Idaho's lands and waters. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization we represent over 25,000 members and supporters who have a deep personal interest in ensuring that our public lands and water quality is protected throughout the state.

Please note on May 6, 2025 ICL submitted comments regarding this rulemaking. Those comments contained a specific comment ("Constituents without Primary or Secondary Standards") addressing March 21, 2025 comments submitted by the City of Boise. Subsequent discussion with the City of Boise provided additional insight to the City of Boise's intent and clarification within their original comments. Specifically, that the City of Boise did not intend to suggest removal of subsections within Rules that address narrative standards as interpreted by ICL. As a result, the comments below have removed ICL's previous comment regarding the City of Boise's comment. ICL asks DEQ to please disregard its previously submitted May 6, 2025 comments.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and ask that you please send us any response to public comments on this opportunity from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Tiedemann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Recognizing the Snake River Plain Aquifer

We support the April 25, 2025 public comment submitted by Idaho Rural Water Association to consider the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, or relevant portions of it, for designation as a sensitive resource under Rule subsection 300.01

Public Comment Opportunities

We support the April 25, 2025 public comment submitted by Idaho Rural Water Association to include a requirement for public comment opportunities during the petition process and prior to final adoption of any aquifer or aquifer portion categorization or recategorization.