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DEQ POLICY STATEMENT
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QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Purpose

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recognizes the importance of quality data, processes, products, and services used to support agency environmental decisions and to ensure continuous improvement.

Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency requires state departments provide a policy statement on quality assurance as a component of their quality management plan. This requirement is found in Section 3.1 of the *EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans—EPA QA/R-2* (EPA/240/B-01/002).

Statement of Policy

DEQ strives to meet our mission and strategic goals in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible. Meeting the agency's mission necessitates environmental decisions based on using high-quality data and consistent and intelligent management, planning, and implementation. DEQ employees are integral to developing high-quality data, processes, products, and services, as well as continual agency improvement.

Responsibility

DEQ's quality manager is responsible for maintaining this policy and quality management system programs, plans, and procedures that comply with this policy. The quality manager will identify quality management problems, initiate actions that result in solutions, and verify solution implementation.

DEQ division and regional administrators are responsible for implementing established quality management system programs, plans, and procedures. DEQ employees are responsible for achieving agency goals to continuously improve the quality of agency products and performance.

The DEQ director, quality manager, division and regional administrators, project officers, and quality assurance officers are expected to stop any work not meeting DEQ's quality criteria.

Implementation

This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 5 years unless amended, replaced, or rescinded prior to expiration.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2026

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