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Dear Aislinn:

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI) is the leading voice for business in the State of Idaho. The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has proposed updated and new fees for air permits that the Department issues. As described in Docket #58-0101-2602, the Department is proposing updated fees for permit applications or for permit-by-rule registration, processing permit applications, and a new annual fee for non-Title V operating permits.

Many IACI members are required to obtain both air quality construction (permit to construct) and operating permits. Thus, this rulemaking is of direct interest to IACI and its members; we offer the following comments on this rulemaking.

It is very important to the business community that the Department has the expertise and resources to assist the regulated community in obtaining the air quality permits needed for operation and business expansion. This is critical for economic growth in Idaho. IACI has advocated to the legislature for a number of years for appropriate funding for the Department to support the air quality permitting work. Also, IACI recognizes that the regulated community also has a role in providing a portion of that revenue needed for the air quality program. Thus, IACI supports the proposed updated and new fees for the air quality program because it will help provide the financial support needed for the air quality permitting program.

We appreciate the Department's consideration of these comments. Please contact me if you have any questions about these comments or wish to discuss them further with us.

Sincerely,



Alex LaBeau
President

C: Alan Prouty Chair, Environment Committee