



STATE OF IDAHO  
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## DEQ POLICY STATEMENT PS16-01

### QUALITY MANAGEMENT

#### PURPOSE

To document the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ's) recognition of the importance of quality in data, processes, products, and services used to support agency environmental decisions.

#### BACKGROUND

The United States Environmental Protection Agency requires state departments to 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 strategic goals and fulfill our mission in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible. Meeting the mission of the agency necessitates environmental decisions achieved through the use of high-quality data and consistent and intelligent management, planning, and implementation. DEQ employees are integral to such 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 is expected to identify quality management problems, initiate actions that result in solutions, and verify solution implementation.

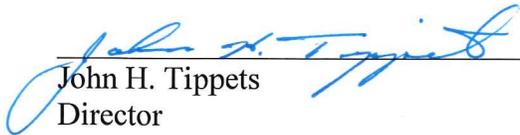
DEQ division and regional administrators are responsible for implementing established quality management system programs, plans, and procedures. DEQ employees are responsible for achieving agency goals to continuously improve the quality of agency products and performance.

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This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 5 years unless amended, replaced, or rescinded prior to expiration.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 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016

  
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