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March 9, 2018

David Turnbull  
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Boise, ID 83713

Re: Reference No. NWW-2017-00070, Ten Mile Crossing Development, Kennedy Lateral

Dear Mr. Trunbull:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has considered water quality certification for construction related to the referenced project. DEQ is issuing the attached 401 Water Quality Certification subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

This certification shall remain in effect until December 31, 2018, at which time construction must be completed.

If you have any questions or further information to present please contact Julia Achabal at 208-373-0321, or via email at [Julia.Achabal@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:Julia.Achabal@deq.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Scheff".

Aaron Scheff  
Regional Administrator  
Boise Regional Office

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## Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Final §401 Water Quality Certification

March 9, 2018

**404 Permit Application Number:** NWW-2017-00070, Ten Mile Crossing, Kennedy Lateral

**Applicant/Authorized Agent:** SCS Brighton LLC

**Project Location:** Latitude 43° 36' 4.52" N, -116° 25' 49.54" W, approximately 2 miles from the City of Meridian, Ada County, Idaho

**Receiving Water Body:** Lawrence Kennedy Lateral

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 401(a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), as amended; 33 U.S.C. Section 1341(a)(1); and Idaho Code §§ 39-101 et seq. and 39-3601 et seq., the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has authority to review activities receiving Section 404 dredge and fill permits and issue water quality certification decisions.

Based upon its review of the joint application for permit, received on January 19, 2018, DEQ certifies that if the permittee complies with the terms and conditions imposed by the permit along with the conditions set forth in this water quality certification, then there is reasonable assurance the activity will comply with the applicable requirements of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, the Idaho Water Quality Standards (WQS) (IDAPA 58.01.02), and other appropriate water quality requirements of state law.

This certification does not constitute authorization of the permitted activities by any other state or federal agency or private person or entity. This certification does not excuse the permit holder from the obligation to obtain any other necessary approvals, authorizations, or permits.

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### Project Description

This project will reroute, pipe and fill 875 linear feet of the Lawrence Kennedy Lateral. The piping will continue east, from previous relocation work authorized under a 2012 Army Corps of Engineers permit. The Lawrence Kennedy Lateral, an irrigation canal, will be piped as directed by the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District and City of Meridian.

### Antidegradation Review

The WQS contain an antidegradation policy providing three levels of protection to water bodies in Idaho (IDAPA 58.01.02.051).

- Tier I Protection. The first level of protection applies to all water bodies subject to Clean Water Act jurisdiction and ensures that existing uses of a water body and the level of water quality necessary to protect those existing uses will be maintained and protected (IDAPA 58.01.02.051.01; 58.01.02.052.01). Additionally, a Tier I review is performed for all new or reissued permits or licenses (IDAPA 58.01.02.052.07).
- Tier II Protection. The second level of protection applies to those water bodies considered high quality and ensures that no lowering of water quality will be allowed unless deemed necessary to accommodate important economic or social development (IDAPA 58.01.02.051.02; 58.01.02.052.08).
- Tier III Protection. The third level of protection applies to water bodies that have been designated outstanding resource waters and requires that activities not cause a lowering of water quality (IDAPA 58.01.02.051.03; 58.01.02.052.09).

DEQ is employing a water body by water body approach to implementing Idaho's antidegradation policy. This approach means that any water body fully supporting its beneficial uses will be considered high quality (IDAPA 58.01.02.052.05.a). Any water body not fully supporting its beneficial uses will be provided Tier I protection for that use, unless specific circumstances warranting Tier II protection are met (IDAPA 58.01.02.052.05.c). The most recent federally approved Integrated Report and supporting data are used to determine support status and the tier of protection (IDAPA 58.01.02.052.05).

### ***Pollutants of Concern***

The primary pollutant of concern for this project is sediment. As part of the Section 401 water quality certification, DEQ is requiring the applicant comply with various conditions to protect water quality and to meet Idaho WQS, including the water quality criteria applicable to sediment.

### ***Receiving Water Body Level of Protection***

Lawrence Kennedy Lateral is located within the Lower Boise River Subbasin, Hydrologic Unit Code 17050114. The irrigation canal is not included within the assessment unit database maintained by DEQ, nor is it included in the National Hydrography Dataset. The Lawrence Kennedy Lateral is not specifically designated in Idaho's water quality standards, and is considered a man-made water (IDAPA 58.01.02.101.02). DEQ protects these waterways for the use for which they were developed, namely agricultural water supply. As such, DEQ will provide Tier I protection only for Lawrence Kennedy Lateral.

### ***Protection and Maintenance of Existing Uses (Tier I Protection)***

A Tier I review is performed for all new or reissued permits or licenses, applies to all waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act, and requires demonstration that existing uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect existing uses shall be maintained and protected. The numeric and narrative criteria in the WQS are set at levels that ensure protection of existing and designated beneficial uses.

During the construction phase, the applicant will implement, install, maintain, monitor, and adaptively manage best management practices (BMPs) directed toward reducing erosion and minimizing turbidity levels.

This project will be conducted when there is no water in the canal. A Storm Water Prevention Plan will be required, which will outline project BMPs, including the installation of a concrete box with trash rack and flared wing walls; and protective gravels placed at the headbox to prevent erosion when irrigation water is turned into the canal. Permanent erosion and sediment controls will be implemented, which will minimize or prevent future sediment contributions from the project area.

As long as the project is conducted in accordance with the provisions of the project plans, Section 404 permit, and conditions of this certification, then there is reasonable assurance the project will comply with the state's numeric and narrative criteria. These criteria are set at levels that protect and maintain existing and designated beneficial uses.

There is no available information indicating the presence of any existing beneficial uses aside from those discussed above. DEQ finds that the proposed BMPs, permit conditions, and conditions in this certification will be adequate to maintain and protect agricultural water supply use. Therefore, the permit ensures that the level of water quality necessary to protect the known existing use is maintained and protected in compliance with the Tier I provisions of Idaho's WQS (IDAPA 58.01.02.051.01 and 58.01.02.052.07).

## **Conditions Necessary to Ensure Compliance with Water Quality Standards or Other Appropriate Water Quality Requirements of State Law**

### ***General Conditions***

1. This certification is conditioned upon the requirement that any modification (e.g., change in BMPs, work windows, etc.) of the permitted activity shall first be provided to DEQ for review to determine compliance with Idaho WQS and to provide additional certification pursuant to Section 401. Such modifications may not be implemented until DEQ has determined whether additional certification is necessary.
2. DEQ reserves the right to modify, amend, or revoke this certification if DEQ determines that, due to changes in relevant circumstances—including without limitation, changes in project activities, the characteristics of the receiving water bodies, or state WQS—there is no longer reasonable assurance of compliance with WQS or other appropriate requirements of state law.
3. If ownership of the project changes, the certification holder shall notify DEQ, in writing, upon transferring this ownership or responsibility for compliance with these conditions to another person or party. The new owner/operator shall request, in writing, the transfer of this water quality certification to his/her name.
4. A copy of this certification must be kept on the job site and readily available for review by any contractor working on the project and any federal, state, or local government personnel.

5. Project areas shall be clearly identified in the field prior to initiating land-disturbing activities to ensure avoidance of impacts to waters of the state beyond project footprints.
6. The applicant shall provide access to the project site and all mitigation sites upon request by DEQ personnel for site inspections, monitoring, and/or to ensure that conditions of this certification are being met.
7. The applicant is responsible for all work done by contractors and must ensure the contractors are informed of and follow all the conditions described in this certification and the Section 404 permit.
8. If this project disturbs more than 1 acre and there is potential for discharge of stormwater to waters of the state, coverage under the EPA Stormwater Construction General Permit *must* be obtained. More information can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities-region-10>.

### **Fill Material**

9. Fill material subject to suspension shall be free of easily suspended fine material. The fill material to be placed shall be clean material only.
10. Fill material shall not be placed in a location or in a manner that impairs surface or subsurface water flow into or out of any wetland area.
11. Placement of fill material in existing vegetated wetlands shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.
12. All temporary fills shall be removed in their entirety on or before construction completion.
13. Excavated or staged fill material must be placed so it is isolated from the water edge or wetlands and not placed where it could re-enter waters of the state uncontrolled.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

14. BMPs for sediment and erosion control suitable to prevent exceedances of state WQS shall be selected and installed before starting construction at the site. One resource that may be used in evaluating appropriate BMPs is DEQ's *Catalog of Stormwater Best Management Practices for Idaho Cities and Counties*, available online at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/media/494058-entire.pdf>. Other resources may also be used for selecting appropriate BMPs.
15. Permanent erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed at the earliest practicable time consistent with good construction practices and shall be maintained as necessary throughout project operation.
16. A BMP inspection and maintenance plan must be developed and implemented. At a minimum, BMPs must be inspected and maintained daily during project implementation.
17. BMP effectiveness shall be monitored during project implementation. BMPs shall be replaced or augmented if they are not effective.
18. All construction debris shall be properly disposed of so it cannot enter waters of the state or cause water quality degradation.

19. To the extent reasonable and cost-effective, the activity submitted for certification shall be designed to minimize subsequent maintenance.
20. Sediment from disturbed areas or able to be tracked by vehicles onto pavement must not be allowed to leave the site in amounts that would reasonably be expected to enter waters of the state. Placement of clean aggregate at all construction entrances or exits and other BMPs such as truck or wheel washes, if needed, must be used when earth-moving equipment will be leaving the site and traveling on paved surfaces.

### ***Pollutants/Toxics***

21. The use of chemicals such as soil stabilizers, dust palliatives, sterilants, growth inhibitors, fertilizers, and deicing salts during construction and operation should be limited to the best estimate of optimum application rates. All reasonable measures shall be taken to avoid excess application and introduction of chemicals into waters of the state.

### ***Vegetation Protection and Restoration***

22. Disturbance of existing wetlands and native vegetation shall be kept to a minimum.
23. To the maximum extent practical, staging areas and access points should be placed in open, upland areas.
24. Fencing and other barriers should be used to mark the construction areas.
25. Where possible, alternative equipment should be used (e.g., spider hoe or crane).
26. If authorized work results in unavoidable vegetative disturbance, riparian and wetland vegetation shall be successfully reestablished to function for water quality benefit at pre-project levels or improved at the completion of authorized work.

### ***Management of Hazardous or Deleterious Materials***

27. Petroleum products and hazardous, toxic, and/or deleterious materials shall not be stored, disposed of, or accumulated adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of waters of the state. Adequate measures and controls must be in place to ensure that those materials will not enter waters of the state as a result of high water, precipitation runoff, wind, storage facility failure, accidents in operation, or unauthorized third-party activities.
28. Vegetable-based hydraulic fluid should be used on equipment operating in or directly adjacent to the channel if this fluid is available.
29. Daily inspections of all fluid systems on equipment to be used in or near waters of the state shall be done to ensure no leaks or potential leaks exist prior to equipment use. A log book of these inspections shall be kept on site and provided to DEQ upon request.
30. Equipment and machinery must be removed from the vicinity of the waters of the state prior to refueling, repair, and/or maintenance.
31. Equipment and machinery shall be steam cleaned of oils and grease in an upland location or staging area with appropriate wastewater controls and treatment prior to entering a water of the state. Any wastewater or wash water must not be allowed to enter a water of the state.

32. Emergency spill procedures shall be in place and may include a spill response kit (e.g., oil absorbent booms or other equipment).
33. In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.02.850, in the event of an unauthorized release of hazardous material to state waters or to land such that there is a likelihood that it will enter state waters, the responsible persons in charge must
  - a. Make every reasonable effort to abate and stop a continuing spill.
  - b. Make every reasonable effort to contain spilled material in such a manner that it will not reach surface or ground waters of the state.
  - c. Call 911 if immediate assistance is required to control, contain, or clean up the spill. If no assistance is needed in cleaning up the spill, contact the appropriate DEQ regional office during normal working hours or Idaho State Communications Center after normal working hours (1-800-632-8000). If the spilled volume is above federal reportable quantities, contact the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802).
    - Boise Regional Office: 208-373-0550 / 888-800-3480
  - d. Collect, remove, and dispose of the spilled material in a manner approved by DEQ.

## Right to Appeal Final Certification

The final Section 401 Water Quality Certification may be appealed by submitting a petition to initiate a contested case, pursuant to Idaho Code § 39-107(5) and the “Rules of Administrative Procedure before the Board of Environmental Quality” (IDAPA 58.01.23), within 35 days of the date of the final certification.

Questions or comments regarding the actions taken in this certification should be directed to DEQ Boise Regional Office, Julia Achabal, 208-373-0321 or [Julia.Achabal@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:Julia.Achabal@deq.idaho.gov).



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