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Mr. Barry Burnell
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 Water Quality Division
 Department of Environmental Quality
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Re: Approval of the Tammany Creek Watershed TMDL Addendum

Dear Mr. Burnell:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted the Tammany Creek Watershed TMDL Addendum (TMDLs) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on October 15, 2010. Following our review, EPA is pleased to approve 9 TMDLs for the waters and pollutants listed in the tables below. The nine TMDLs in three assessment units in the table below were included in Idaho's 2008 list of impaired waters.

Table of EPA-Approved TMDLs for §303(d) listed waters

| Water Body Segment/ Assessment Units (AUs) | Pollutant |
|--|-------------------|
| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_02 | Total Phosphorus |
| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_03 | Total Phosphorus |
| Tammany Creek, WBID Source to mouth ID17060103SL016_02 | Total Phosphorus |
| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_02 | Nitrate + Nitrite |
| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_03 | Nitrate + Nitrite |
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| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_02 | E. coli bacteria |

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IDEQ also revised existing TMDLs for sediment in waterbodies which had previously approved TMDLs. These 3 TMDLs did not change the approved amount of sediment allocated but, did divide the allocation into wasteload and load allocations to account for stormwater allocations for the City of Lewiston, Idaho. These changes will result in no change to the §303(d) List/Integrated Report.

Table of Revised EPA-Approved TMDLs

| Water Body Segment/ Assessment Units (AUs) | Pollutant |
|---|------------------|
| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_02 | Sediment |
| Tammany Creek, WBID 015 to unnamed tributary ID17060103SL014_03 | Sediment |
| Tammany Creek, WBID Source to mouth ID17060103SL016_02 | Sediment |

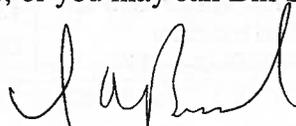
Our review indicates that these allocations have been established at a level that, when fully implemented, will lead to the attainment of the water quality criteria addressed by these TMDLs.

This approval only includes those waters for which a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for the proposed de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17060103 from the Idaho §303(d) list. Any proposed de-listing of waters will be considered at the time of submission of the next §303(d) list of impaired waters.

This submittal also includes implementation strategies for the TMDLs. IDEQ developed and submitted these strategies pursuant to the TMDL Settlement Agreement of July 2002. EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation strategies under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA); therefore, EPA is not taking action on these strategies. Implementation is the critical next step to realize improvements in water quality, and we

encourage IDEQ to continue their work with responsible parties on implementation of these strategies.

By EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §303(e) of the CWA. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-4198, or you may call Bill Stewart of my staff at (208)378-5753.



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