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Barry Burnell, Administrator
 State Water Quality Program
 Department of Environmental Quality
 1410 North Hilton
 Boise, ID 83706-1255

RE: Approval of Fall Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Addendum
 of the Lake Walcott TMDL

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 is pleased to approve the total suspended solids and total phosphorus wasteload allocations for the two fish production facilities, and revisions to nonpoint source load allocations for bacteria, total suspended solids, and total phosphorus contained in the Fall Creek TMDL Addendum of the Lake Walcott TMDL, as submitted on January 30, 2005.

This TMDL addendum approval applies to the waterbody identified in the Table below for bacteria, total phosphorus and total suspended solids. Fall Creek is not listed but is a tributary to the Lake Walcott section of the Snake River. The wasteload allocations for aquaculture apply for two facilities which are sources to the listed segments. This addendum revises the previous TMDL that was written to cover these facilities and pollutants, including the *Lake Walcott Watershed Management Plan (Lake Walcott TMDL)* which was approved by EPA on June 28, 2000.

<i>Water Body Segment</i>	<i>Assessment Unit</i>	<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>TMDL(s)</i>	<i>Changes to §303(d) List</i>	<i>Justification</i>
Fall Creek	ID17040209S K007_02 & _03 (Source to Mouth)	Nutrients (TP) Sediment (TSS) Bacteria (E. coli)	Yes	None	Meet downstream TMDL reductions

We appreciate the work of Balthasar Buhidar and the aquaculture industry in the development of these wasteload allocations.

This approval constitutes wasteload allocations for two Aquaculture facilities on Fall Creek. These wasteload allocations will be used for the development of individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit limits for each of the affected facilities. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (206)553-7151, or you may call Bill Stewart of my staff at (208)378-5753 at our Idaho Operations Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Gearheard".

Michael F. Gearheard, Director
Office of Water & Watersheds

cc: Mike McIntyre, IDEQ Surface Water Program Manager
Marti Bridges, IDEQ TMDL Program Manager
Balthasar Buhidar, IDEQ, Idaho Falls Regional Office Water Quality Manager