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Reply To
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Dear Mr. Cory:

Thank you for your submittal of a final 1996 Section 303(d) list for the State of Idaho, including technical corrections to the list submitted March 31, 1997. Based on review of the list and the additional information you provided, we have found that the list is consistent with Section (§)303 (d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and implementing regulations, and includes all water quality limited segments in the State of Idaho. By this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10 is approving the State of Idaho's final 1996 303(d) list, including technical corrections submitted on March 31, 1997.

The 1996 list includes all waters EPA published in 1994 in response to court order. Our approval of the State's §303(d) list extends to all the water bodies on the list except those waters that are within Indian Country, as defined at 18 U.S.C. Section 1151. The EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the State's list with respect to those waters at this time.

In the particular case of Idaho, the 1994 §303(d) EPA listing of Indian Country waters remains in effect. Consistent with the order of the court, these waters will be included in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development schedule EPA is currently preparing. The EPA, Tribes, and State will continue working in partnership to develop TMDLs for waters included on the 1994 list.

We appreciate the time and effort your staff committed to the development of the list, including many boundary corrections and other revisions. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this process and in addressing water quality standards issues in the state. If you would like to discuss our approval letter or other listing related issues, please contact Leigh Woodruff of my staff at (208) 378-5774 at our Idaho Operations Office.

Sincerely,

Philip G. Millam
Director
Office of Water

cc: Larry Koenig, IDEQ