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Dear Sally:

I have compiled some information to help you address EPA-Headquarters' questions concerning "water quality limited segments." As usual, it took alot more time to assemble than either of us figured.

Attached is a list of Idaho stream segments not fully supporting their beneficial uses [Appendix A of the draft 1986 305(b) Report]. You will quickly see that the majority of our problems are NPS in nature and, therefore, the question of "water quality limited," as you defined it to me (point source-BAT requirements met), is not truely applicable. You will also note that most of these segments have already been evaluated and implementation is either being pursued, is in progress, or pending water quality standards or regulation promulgation. This explains why our current special studies (FY87) do not correspond with this segment list. The lack of beneficial use support in a segment is only one of many reasons we might conduct a special study. On those segments where no action is indicated, sources of impact are predominantly natural, upstream or due to channel instability; all of which are realistically beyond program controls.

I must again qualify to you the use of this list of segments not fully supporting protected beneficial uses. The basis for this list was solely best professional judgement. Any "commitments" for action inferred from this list by EPA should consider this. We would prefer to discuss and agree to any "commitment" recommendations made to EPA Headquarters with you first.

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Please call me if you find this information has done nothing but
complicate your task. I'm sure we can work it out.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

