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Mr. Milton G. Klein
Director
Department of Health & Welfare
Statehouse
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Mr. Klein:

We have reviewed the revised Water Quality Standards and Wastewater Treatment Requirements which were submitted to us by your letter of May 19, 1980. Your Department staff has done a thorough job of reviewing the State's standards and including the public in the review process through workshops and public hearings.

With the exception of the elements identified below, all sections of your revised Water Quality Standards and Wastewater Treatment Requirements are consistent with and meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act and are therefore approved. Our approval of Section 1-2278 is made with the understanding that the stream standard of 75% saturation is the level of dissolved oxygen attainable with the Boise municipal treatment plant providing a very high level of secondary treatment.

We are reserving judgment on the State revisions regarding (1) the general downgrading of dissolved oxygen at all dams, Section 1-2276, (2) the assignment of 1.0 mg/l ammonia level for the lower part of Indian Creek, Boise River, Section 1-2279, (3) the exemption of dams from compliance with the antidegradation policy, Section 1-2300.1 and (4) the 0.04 mg/l un-ionized ammonia level for cold-water biota and for salmonid spawning areas, Sections 1-2250.04(e) and 1-2250.05(e). At this time I am neither disapproving nor approving these elements of your submission, but I will inform you of my determination on these actions by August 18.

Sincerely,

Donald P. Dubois

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Regional Administrator

cc: Lynn McKee, Dir., ID Opns. Ofc.

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