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Hi Eurika: Per your VM message, I'm resending this motion. In Per the BAB Guidance Manual, I also sent the original via U.S. Mail. Thx! Courtney

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March 30, 2011

#### Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clerk of the Board Environmental Appeals Board 1103B Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460-0001

Re:

City of Twin Falls

NPDES Permit No. ID-002127-0

NPDES Appeal Nos. NPDES 09-12 &10-08

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and five (5) copies of the Second Joint Status Report in the above-referenced matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (206) 553-1477.

Sincerely,

Courtney J. Weber

Assistant Regional Counsel

Enclosures

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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

In the Matter of:	)	Appeal Nos. NPDES 09-12, 10-08
CITY OF TWIN FALLS	) )	SECOND JOINT STATUS REPORT
NPDES Permit No. ID-002127-0	)	

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (Region) and the City of Twin Falls (City) respectfully submit this joint status report per the Environmental Appeals Board's (Board) November 23, 2010 Order Granting Stay and Scheduling Status Reports. In its order, the Board stayed the above-captioned matter until May 30, 2011. The Board further directed the parties to "file joint reports on December 30, 2010 and March 30, 2011, explaining the status of this matter, which shall include a discussion of whether it is appropriate to continue or modify the stay, or dismiss the petition."

On November 26, 2010, the public comment period ended for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (IDEQ) proposed revisions to the Upper Snake Rock Subbasin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total suspended solids (TSS). The revised TMDL modifies

Order Granting Stay and Scheduling Status Reports (Nov. 23, 2010)

the City's wasteload allocation for TSS. IDEQ submitted the TMDL to the Region for approval on January 11, 2011. Subsequently, IDEQ submitted additional information to the Region concerning the TMDL on February 8, 2011 and February 22, 2011. On March 30, 2011, the Region approved the revisions to the TMDL.

On March 1, 2011, the Region issued a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit modification and fact sheet for the City's wastewater treatment facility. The draft NPDES permit modification proposes to increase the final mass-based monthly effluent limitation for total suspended solids (TSS) from 980 pounds per day (lbs/day) to 2,142 fbs/day. The Region is also proposing to eliminate the compliance schedule for TSS that is in the current NPDES permit. The permit modification is based upon the revised TMDL and the Region's approval of the revised TMDL. The public comment period on the permit modification will end on March 31, 2011.

At this time, the Region believes that it will be able to issue the final permit modification by no later than May 30, 2011. As such, the parties do not propose a modification to the stay at this time. If the Region determines that there will be a delay in issuing the final permit modification by May 30, 2011, EPA will immediately notify opposing counsel and the Board. If the permit modification is finalized as it has been proposed, the City anticipates that it will request that the petition be dismissed; however, since the permit modification is not yet final, the City is not requesting a dismissal at this time.

On February 8, 2011, IDEQ submitted to the Region a contract between the City and IDEQ that spells out the City's commitment to install nonpoint source sediment reduction projects to offset the increase in the TSS waste load allocation for the City's wastewater treatment facility. On February 22, 2011, IDEQ submitted to the Region additional information regarding monitoring of the effectiveness of the nonpoint source reduction projects.

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Dated this 30th day of March, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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