



## State of Idaho

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Astaris Idaho LLC  
10300 Olive Blvd  
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication Water Right Claim 29-11342

Dear Water User:

Astaris Idaho LLC is shown as the current owner of a water right claim in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, for 1.10 cubic feet per second of water from a well, for municipal purposes within the City of Pocatello, Idaho.

This claim is for a "beneficial use" right, which means a water right perfected by simply putting water to beneficial use, some time before Idaho required a formal permit and license (March 25, 1963). This was a legal and legitimate method of perfecting a water right, but it did not result in a paper record with the department. My job is to investigate these rights and make recommendations to the court. After I make my recommendations, you will have an opportunity to review the recommendation and if appropriate object before the court. Finally, the court will issue a decree that describes and secures your water right.

There is a good deal of documentation in the file supporting the claimed use, which I will review carefully. A brief review today did not give me full understanding of Astaris' relationship with the City of Pocatello, and the use of the well and delivery of water to the city. If you could supply me with a copy of the agreement describing this arrangement, it would aid me in making a correct and accurate recommendation to the court.

In addition, I will need to make a field inspection of the well and perhaps measure the discharge. It would be very helpful to me to have a local contact person to work with. Please let me know whom I should contact, or give my name, address, and phone number to that person. I can generally be reached on Thursdays and Fridays at 208-525-7161, by e-mail at "bcontor@idwr.state.id.us" or by FAX at 208-525-7177.

Please call if you have questions regarding this claim or the adjudication process.

Sincerely,

Bryce A. Contor  
Senior Water Resource Agent