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Department of Water Resources
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RE: Comments on Application to Permit No.: 35-14379

Dear Ms. Cox

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has reviewed documents relative to the subject water right application. We are offering the following comments.

The municipal water right application indicates the proposed well will provide culinary water for duplexes (2 town homes). Pursuant to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Rules, IDAPA 58.01.08, "Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems". The system proposed will not meet minimum criteria to be designated as a public water system.

However, we note that there are at least four (4) existing public water system wells within 1250 feet of the proposed development. The location is less than 400 feet from the nearest public water system well.

While we do not dispute a municipal water right issued for this purpose, we strongly recommend that the applicants evaluate the feasibility of consolidating the water system for the 2 town homes into an existing public water system. Piecemeal development can result in an excessive number of water supply wells in a given geographic area.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at 236-6160 or via email at tom.hepworth@deq.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hepworth", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Hepworth
Engineering Regional Manager

Enclosure: Area map

CC: Bruce Olenick, Regional Administrator, Pocatello Regional Office
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