

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT
NO. 63-31138 IN THE NAME OF
CITY OF MERIDIAN

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**PRELIMINARY ORDER
REINSTATING A PERMIT**

This matter having come before the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”), the Department makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 18, 2001, the Department issued the above-captioned permit with the condition that proof of construction of works and application of water to beneficial use (proof of beneficial use) be submitted to the Department on or before April 1, 2006. The permit bore the priority date of January 29, 2001.

2. On January 31, 2006, the Department notified the permit holder that proof of beneficial use was due and instructed the permit holder of the steps to be taken to submit the proof or a Request for Extension of Time (“extension request”).

3. On April 1, 2006, the permit lapsed since the Department had not received an acceptable proof of beneficial use statement or request for extension of time.

4. On May 18, 2006, the permit holder filed an extension request with the department. This extension was approved and granted based on due diligence or good cause. A proof of beneficial use deadline of April 1, 2011 was set, and priority date was advanced to March 17, 2001.

5. On January 31, 2011, the Department notified the permit holder that proof of beneficial use was due and instructed the permit holder of the steps to be taken to submit the proof or a Request for Extension of Time (“extension request”).

6. On April 1, 2011, the permit lapsed since the Department had not received an acceptable proof of beneficial use statement or request for extension of time.

7. On April 4, 2011, the permit holder filed a Statement of Completion for submitting proof of beneficial use.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Section 42-218a, *Idaho Code*, provides that the Department may reinstate a permit upon a showing of reasonable cause by the permit holder within sixty days of the date of notice of lapsing.

The permit holder has provided a reasonable showing why this permit should be reinstated, by submitting an acceptable proof of beneficial use. The permit shall be reinstated based upon the April 4, 2011 filing date.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Permit No. 63-31138 is **REINSTATED** and the permit's priority date is advanced to March 20, 2001.

DATED this 29th day of June, 2011.



Jeff Peppersack, Chief
Water Allocation Bureau