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RE: Preliminary Order in the Matter of Permit No. 57-11680

IMPORTANT: A response from you is required regarding the referenced water right permit. If no response is received from you, the Department will issue a lapse notice and the permit will not be valid for use of water.

Dear Permit Holders:

The accompanying order is a "preliminary order" issued by the department pursuant to section 67-5243, Idaho Code. It can and will become a final order without further action of the department unless a party petitions for reconsideration within fourteen (14) days after issuance as described in the enclosed information sheet.

One condition of approval of the above referenced water permit was that proof of the extent of your beneficial use must be submitted to this office on or before March 1, 2007. The enclosed preliminary order changed the proof due date to March 1, 2008. The department is required to give you notice that proof of completion is due sixty days prior to the due date. Since the department failed to give you notice before the due date, this letter provides until September 8, 2009 to submit proof or a request for extension of time.

If you completed your project prior to March 1, 2008, use the enclosed form which, when accompanied by the license examination fee or a completed field examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner, will complete your submittal of the required proof.

If you did not fully complete your project by March 1, 2008, and you have not received a prior extension of time, you may request an extension of time if the delay was for reasonable cause as provided in Section 42-204, Idaho Code. If you were delayed by a federal agency or by litigation that would bring title to the water in question, an extension of time may be granted if appropriate documentation is provided at the time of filing. An extension request must be accompanied by a \$50.00 filing fee and signed by the appropriate authorized permit holder(s) or authorized representative with a power of attorney. Please contact the department for more information if you think you may qualify for an extension.

In order to maintain your September 9, 2005 priority date for this permit, either an acceptable proof or an acceptable extension request must be received by this department on or before September 8, 2009. If neither is received, the department will send you a lapse notice and the permit will no longer be of any force nor effect.

Sincerely,

Emalee Rushing
Office Services Supervisor

Enclosures

Statement of Available Procedures and Applicable Time Limits

RESPONDING TO PRELIMINARY ORDERS ISSUED BY THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (To be used in connection with actions when a hearing was not held)

(Required by Rule of Procedure 730.02)

The accompanying order or approved document is a "**Preliminary Order**" issued by the department pursuant to section 67-5243, Idaho Code. **It can and will become a final order without further action of the Department of Water Resources ("department") unless a party petitions for reconsideration, files an exception and brief, or requests a hearing as further described below:**

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of a preliminary order with the department within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. **Note: the petition must be received by the department within this fourteen (14) day period.** The department will act on a petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Section 67-5243(3) Idaho Code.

EXCEPTIONS AND BRIEFS

Within fourteen (14) days after (a) the service date of a preliminary order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, any party may in writing support or take exceptions to any part of a preliminary order and may file briefs in support of the party's position on any issue in the proceeding with the Director. Otherwise, this preliminary order will become a final order of the agency.

REQUEST FOR HEARING

Unless a right to a hearing before the Department or the Water Resource Board is otherwise provided by statute, any person aggrieved by any final decision, determination, order or action of the Director of the Department and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter may request a hearing pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code. A written petition contesting the action of the Director and requesting a hearing shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the denial or conditional approval.

ORAL ARGUMENT

If the Director grants a petition to review the preliminary order, the Director shall allow all parties an opportunity to file briefs in support of or taking exceptions to the preliminary order and may schedule oral argument in the matter before issuing a final order. If oral arguments are to be heard, the Director will within a reasonable time period notify each party of the place, date and hour for the argument of the case. Unless the Director orders otherwise, all oral arguments will be heard in Boise, Idaho.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

All exceptions, briefs, requests for oral argument and any other matters filed with the Director in connection with the preliminary order shall be served on all other parties to the proceedings in accordance with IDAPA Rules 37.01.01302 and 37.01.01303 (Rules of Procedure 302 and 303).

FINAL ORDER

The Director will issue a final order within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the written briefs, oral argument or response to briefs, whichever is later, unless waived by the parties or for good cause shown. The Director may remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order. The department will serve a copy of the final order on all parties of record.

Section 67-5246(5), Idaho Code, provides as follows:

Unless a different date is stated in a final order, the order is effective fourteen (14) days after its issuance if a party has not filed a petition for reconsideration. If a party has filed a petition for reconsideration with the agency head, the final order becomes effective when:

- (a) the petition for reconsideration is disposed of; or
- (b) the petition is deemed denied because the agency head did not dispose of the petition within twenty-one (21) days.

APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER TO DISTRICT COURT

Pursuant to sections 67-5270 and 67-5272, Idaho Code, if this preliminary order becomes final, any party aggrieved by the final order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal the final order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

- i. A hearing was held,
- ii. The final agency action was taken,
- iii. The party seeking review of the order resides, or
- iv. The real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

The appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of this preliminary order becoming final. See section 67-5273, Idaho Code. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.