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LAURAL NELSON SUPT
VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #262
882 VALLEY RD S
HAZELTON ID 83335

Application for Permit No. 36-16299

Dear Applicant(s):

Enclosed is a copy of a protest filed against approval of the above referenced application. The Department suggests that you contact the protestant(s) directly to determine the nature of the protest and, if possible, to resolve the matter without action by the Department.

In our experience, informal discussion between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings often leads to resolution of the protest. If the protest cannot be resolved informally, the matter will be scheduled for conference and/or hearing.

The following are criteria the Department must consider in either approving or denying the application (Section 42-203A, Idaho Code).

1. Will the proposed use reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights?
2. Is the proposed water supply insufficient for the purpose intended?
3. Is the application made in good faith or for delay or speculative purposes?
4. Has the applicant sufficient financial resources with which to complete the project?
5. Will the proposed use conflict with the local public interest?
6. Will the proposed use be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the State of Idaho?

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding this procedure or if you wish to schedule a conference and/or hearing.

Sincerely,

Allen D. Merritt, P.E.
Regional Manager

Enclosures