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Mr. Barry Burnell, Administrator
Water Quality Division
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Re: Revised Approval Letter for the 2004 EPA Approved Raft River Subbasin TMDL (HUC: ID17040210)

Dear Mr. Burnell:

On January 23, 2004, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted Raft River Subbasin Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and EPA approved these TMDLs on July 27, 2004. IDEQ found discrepancies and errors on that approval and sent a letter, dated August 13, 2014, requesting that EPA address these discrepancies and errors. We have reviewed our original approval and the issues raised by IDEQ and agree that many changes are needed to accurately reflect approved TMDLs. The following tables address these discrepancies and replace the table shown on EPA's July 27, 2004, approval letter. This letter will be included in the Administrative Record for this TMDL to document the change in EPA's approval decision.

Table 1: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Impaired Waters

Waterbody Name	Assessment Unit Number	Water Quality Limited Segment ID	Pollutant
UPPER RAFT RIVER	ID17040210SK008_04 ID17040210SK010_04 ID17040210SK013_04	ID2431	E coli
UPPER RAFT RIVER	ID17040210SK008_04 ID17040210SK010_04 ID17040210SK013_04	ID2431	Sediment
UPPER RAFT RIVER	ID17040210SK008_04 ID17040210SK010_04 ID17040210SK013_04	ID2431	Temperature
LOWER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK003_04	ID2438	Sediment
UPPER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK005_04 ID17040210SK007_02		E coli
LAKE FORK	ID17040210SK022_02	ID7612	Phosphorus, Total
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The IDEQ also completed TMDLs for waterbodies which were not meeting water quality standards for temperature, nutrients, bacteria and sediment but had not previously been included on Idaho's list of impaired waters (303(d) list). These TMDLs and waterbodies are identified in Table 2 below. EPA understands that these waters would have been included on the 303(d) list had the State been aware of the impairment at the time the 303(d) list was completed.

Table 2: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Unlisted Waters

Waterbody Name	Assessment Unit Number	Water Quality Limited Segment ID	Pollutant
UPPER SUBLETT CREEK	ID17040210SK021_02 ID17040210SK021_03		Phosphorus, Total
LOWER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK003_04	ID2438	E coli
LOWER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK003_04	ID2438	Phosphorus, Total
UPPER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK007_03 ID17040210SK007_04		E coli
UPPER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK005_04 ID17040210SK007_02 ID17040210SK007_03 ID17040210SK007_04		Phosphorus, Total
UPPER CASSIA CREEK	ID17040210SK005_04 ID17040210SK007_02 ID17040210SK007_03 ID17040210SK007_04		Sediment
LAKE FORK CREEK	ID17040210SK022_03		Phosphorus, Total

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855, or you may call Martha Turvey of my staff at (206) 553-1354.

Sincerely,

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