

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

City of Kamiah Water Treatment Plant

NPDES Permit #ID-002846-1

November 20, 2012

On October 11, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a public notice for the proposed issuance of the City of Kamiah Water Treatment Plant (Facility) draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. ID-002846-1. This new Facility will discharge to the Clearwater River. The public comment period closed on November 13, 2012.

No significant comments were received on the draft permit during the public comment period. However, some minor changes have been made to the final permit. This Response to Comments document specifies which provisions of the draft permit have been changed in the final permit and the reasons for the changes. The Fact Sheet is not changed, since the purpose of the Fact Sheet is to briefly set forth the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit. The following changes were made to the draft permit.

1. The final permit is revised to require that the permittee also notify the Nez Perce Tribe that the Best Management Plan (BMP) has been developed and implemented within 180 days of the effective date of the permit (see Section II.C.2, page 8 of the permit). This requirement was inadvertently not included in the draft permit. The addition of this requirement would be consistent with the requirements for tribal notification for the Operation and Maintenance Plan, and the Quality Assurance Plan.
2. The address of the water treatment plant as provided in the application and subsequently identified in the Public Notice, Fact Sheet and Permit was incorrect. The correct address of the facility is 101 E. Third Street, Kamiah, Idaho. The facility's address on the final permit has been revised accordingly.