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OFFICE OF WATER

DECISION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Idaho- Hidden Lake Float Home Association, Coeur d'Alene, Waiver Request for Swing Check Valves—Not Approved

FROM: Raffael Stein, Division Director
Division Director
Water Infrastructure Division

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The Clean Water Act includes an “American Iron and Steel” requirement in section 608 that requires Clean Water State Revolving Fund assistance recipients to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States, or otherwise obtain a waiver. Section 608 also sets forth the circumstances under which EPA may waive the AIS requirement. This memo documents EPA’s response to a waiver request for 22, two-inch check valves for Hidden Lake Float Home Association in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Background: On May 10, 2016, Idaho submitted a product waiver request on behalf of the Hidden Lake Float Home Association for 22, two-inch, swing check valves with external levers and springs. The applicant’s contractor was not able to find AIS-compliant check valves that could meet the project’s technical specifications within a short enough timeframe to meet their targeted installation date.

Rationale: The EPA’s market research found that domestic two-inch check valves that meet the project specifications were available within a reasonable amount of time. The EPA provided information about the alternate products to the state of Idaho and the Hidden Lake Float Home Association. The state confirmed through the project engineer that alternative domestic check valves were used.