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November 16, 2010

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RE: Application for Permit No(s). 63-32703

Dear Applicant(s):

Enclosed is a copy of a protest(s) filed against the issuance of Permit No(s). 63-32703. As part of the application process, the following options are available for the resolution of contested (protested) applications:

- Direct contact with the protestant(s) to determine the nature of the protest(s) and to attempt to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).
- Formal proceedings administered by the department pursuant to the Department's Rule of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01). A pre-hearing conference identifies the protestant's concerns and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the concerns cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.
- Mediation through a certified professional mediator can reduce costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, present the opportunity to address non-water concerns, provide influence over a final settlement, and fast track the processing of the application if a mediated agreement is reached. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

Please consider with the protestant the best option(s) for resolution of the contested application and forward your choice to the Department's regional manager. If no response is received within a few weeks, you may be notified that a pre-hearing protest conference will be scheduled.

You may contact this office if you have any questions regarding the procedure discussed in this letter or additional information about water rights and other matters administered by this agency is available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Westra". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Westra
Regional Manager

Enclosure(s): Copy of Protest(s)

cc:

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