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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

June 20, 2016

Mr. Jeff Peppersack
Hearing Officer
Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 E. Front Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Re: City of Nampa Support for Designation of a West Ada County Area of Drilling Concern

Dear Mr. Peppersack,

The City of Nampa appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the City of Meridian's Petition for Designation of a West Ada County Area of Drilling Concern. Nampa has been aware of the City of Meridian's efforts to protect the aquifer system that provides the potable water supply for its residents and others in the Treasure Valley. Nampa understands the need to protect this important water source as the population of our Valley continues to grow and additional stress is placed on our water supply.

Nampa's drinking water supply is solely provided by ground water wells, of which the water source being the Treasure Valley aquifer. The City of Nampa strongly supports enforcement of the current Well Construction Standards Rules (IDAPA 37.03.09). Nampa would support changes to these rules, as necessary, to prevent contamination of the groundwater resources of the State of Idaho.

In conclusion, the City of Nampa supports Meridian's effort to designate an area of drilling concern which includes Meridian's impact area and areas of Boise and Kuna that are deemed to contribute to Meridian's water supply.

Sincerely,

Nate W. Runyan, P.E.
Deputy Public Works Director

Cc: Michael Fuss, Public Works Director