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Gary Spackman, Director
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RE: **West Ada Area of Drilling Concern**

Director Spackman:

I am writing this letter in strong opposition to the proposed West Ada Area of Drilling Concern (WAADC. This application has been unilaterally applied for by the City of Meridian with no input from any of the affected well owners, drillers or the public generally. I am highly suspect of the tactic used by the City of Meridian to force this designation down the throats of the property owners, present and future, who might have the desire to live outside the boundaries of the Meridian public water system. Any such request should **NOT** have come unless and until public information meetings had been held throughout the proposed area of impact with full disclosures of the reasons for the proposed district, impacts, financially and otherwise to those affected by this designation, this done at the very least as a courtesy extended by virtually **EVERY** other agency in this valley prior to making decisions affecting citizen groups large or small.

In my professional life as Commissioner of the Ada County Highway District and current President of the Commission this kind of behavior would **NEVER** occur. Decisions affecting roads in Boise are not made without soliciting citizen input from the county generally. Surveys are taken and promoted on various public media. Social media also plays a role but we at ACHD realize that utilizing social media is merely "playing to the choir" and gets only to those following us for various reasons. In some cases, depending on the level of impact our decisions can have our staff literally goes door to door soliciting input.

The City of Meridian purposely avoided any such input. It is easy to figure why. A typical $18,000 - $20,000 well would cost $60,000 if the proposed designation is allowed. I doubt that the City Council or anyone in her Public Works Dept. could explain this travesty away to affected parties. The hearing was held with the bare legal minimum of public notice given prior to holding a hearing on the matter. Only elected officials seem to have been given notice since it was only elected officials that made comment or gave testimony. Letters that have been submitted concerning this matter seem to have been developed in a "robo" style and are slanted to create fear in Idaho because of decisions made in Flint Michigan impacting Flint Michigan residents. This is

not Michigan. We currently have many safeguards in place to affect and impact the water quality of wells as well as the possibility of contamination of aquifers.

Other current Areas of Drilling Concern in the State of Idaho were established due to critical contaminations that have occurred in times past. There have been ZERO incidences of contamination that might bring any kind of need for this Area of Drilling Concern to play in western Ada County. It is almost amusing were it not for the tremendous negative impact this designation could have to read the City of Meridian's letter of application and see that they claim an internally generated opinion regarding current drilling industry practices as "scientific evidence". Nothing could be further from the truth and nothing in that opinion contains the least shred of "scientific evidence".

Please deny this application. At the very least re-open the public hearing process so that your board can actually hear from affected parties.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter

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From: Kent Goldthorpe [kgoldthorpe7462@gmail.com]
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Director Spackman

I am attaching a letter of strong opposition to the proposed application from the City of Meridian for the West Ada Area of Drilling Concern.

Thank you for reading this letter. Would you please let me know if it has been included in the public record.

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