

Response to Comments
Draft NPDES Permit No. ID - 002002-8
City of Gooding, Idaho

Background: On January 6, 2000, EPA issued a notice of proposed reissuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the City of Gooding, Idaho. The facility is an activated sludge wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater from the facility is discharged to the Little Wood River. The public review and comment period expired on February 7, 2000.

A comment letter regarding the proposed permit was received from the permittee, through a letter from Todd Bunn, the City Superintendent. The following summarizes and responds to the comment raised in the letter.

Comment: Effluent limits for ammonia have been incorporated into the city's permit for the first time. The city will need to study their treatment system and determine the best method to treat the effluent to meet the new limit. Consequently, the city requested that the limits not become effective for 12 months.

Response: The permit has been changed to allow the city a 12 month period to come into compliance with the new limits. This request is allowable because the Idaho state water quality standards, at IDAPA 16.01.02.400.03, allow permits to incorporate compliance schedules which allow a discharger to phase in compliance with water quality-based limits when they are in the permit for the first time.