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Reply to Attn of: OWW-191

Michael Miller  
Meadow Gold Dairies  
Dean Foods Company, Southern Foods Group, LLC  
2711 North Haskell Avenue, Suite 3400  
Dallas, TX 75204

Re: Additional Monitoring Requirements for Meadow Gold Dairies under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit, Permit Reference No. IDR053049

Dear Mr. Miller,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of watershed specific monitoring requirements that must be implemented at your facility to maintain permit coverage under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2015 Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (MSGP). Based on the information provided in your Notice of Intent (NOI), storm water from the Meadow Gold Dairies facility at 1301 West Bannock in Boise, Idaho (Facility) discharges into the Boise River. The State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has established a Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus for the lower Boise River.

**Basis for EPA to Add Additional Requirements**

Part 2.2.2.1 of the MSGP, Existing Discharge to an Impaired Water with an EPA Approved or Established TMDL, states, "If you discharge to an impaired water with an EPA-approved or established TMDL, EPA will inform you whether any additional measures are necessary for your discharge to be consistent with the assumptions and requirements of the applicable TMDL and its wasteload allocation, or if coverage under an individual permit is necessary per Part 1.2.3." See also Part 6.2.5 of the MSGP (allowing EPA to notify a facility of additional monitoring requirements).


**Specific Requirements**

Pursuant to Part 2.2.2.1 and 6.2.4.1 of the MSGP, the Facility is required to conduct storm water monitoring for total phosphorus following the standard benchmark monitoring procedures outlined in the MSGP at Part 6.2.1. Meadow Gold Dairies is listed in Table 9 of the Lower Boise River TMDL 2015 Total Phosphorus Addendum.

Parameter	Target Values	Source of Value
Total Phosphorus	0.1 mg/L May 1-Sept 30 0.35 mg/L Oct 1- April 30	Lower Boise River TMDL 2015 Total Phosphorus Addendum

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret McCauley of my staff at [mccauley.margaret@epa.gov](mailto:mccauley.margaret@epa.gov) or (206) 553-1772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Lidgard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "L".

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager  
NPDES Permits Unit

cc: Lance Holloway, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality