



January 11, 2010

Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Water Quality

RE: Proposed Changes to Water Quality Regulations R-317, Public Comment

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support the current proposed change in language to the State of Utah anti-degradation rules. The requirement of a Level 2 review should only be imposed when new facilities are proposed to be built or a significant expansion of existing facilities is needed for upgrade. Publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) must be allowed to accept new connections and grow to within their designed capacity without interference of ongoing reviews that are unnecessary. It is acceptable for this higher level of review in cases where water quality standards are being impacted or new standards are established to protect the waters of the State. Once again, I support the proposed rule as fair and reasonable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey R. Richens', is written over a light blue circular stamp that contains the name 'Jeffrey R. Richens' in a smaller font.

Jeffrey R. Richens, District Manager
Price River Water Improvement District

