

# Idaho NPDES Program Delegation

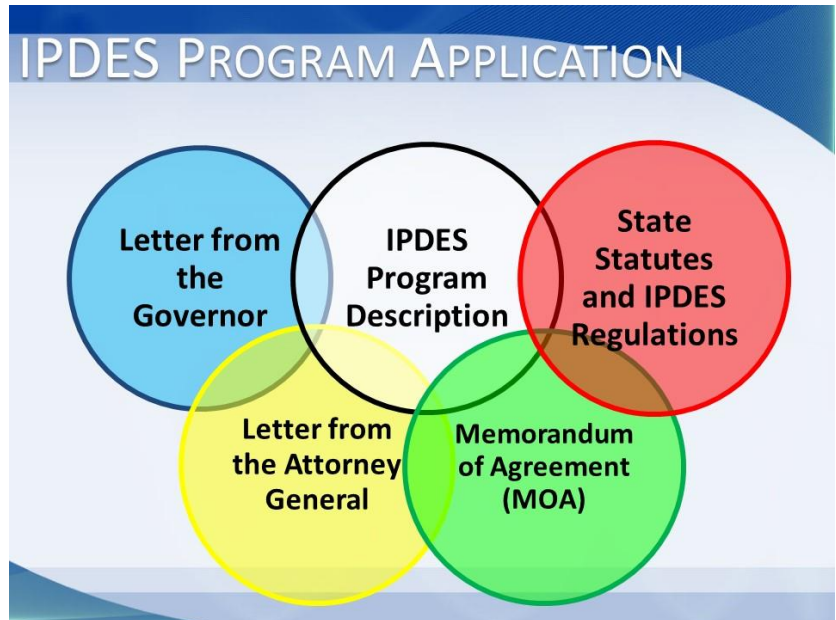


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The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) is seeking approval to administer the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) program regulating discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States under its jurisdiction.

If approved, IDEQ will administer the IPDES program in place of the EPA administered NPDES program. Program authority would transfer to IDEQ no sooner than July 1, 2018.

IDEQ will assume permitting and compliance authority for the NPDES program in four phases. The EPA will retain full permitting and compliance authority over facilities until that authority is transferred to IDEQ in accordance with the following schedule:



- Phase I – Individual Municipal Permits and Pretreatment upon gaining program authority (July 1, 2018)
- Phase II – Individual Industrial Permits, one year after program authorization (July 1, 2019)
- Phase III – General Permits (Aquaculture, Pesticide, CAFO, Suction Dredge, Remediation), two years after program authorization (July 1, 2020)
- Phase IV – Federal Facilities, General and Individual Stormwater Permits and Biosolids (Sludge), three years after program authorization (July 1, 2021)

## Public Comment Period

The EPA will consider comments on the IPDES program application before making a final decision. A copy of the application and related documents may be viewed or downloaded from the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/idaho-npdes-program-authorization>. You may submit comments by any of the following methods through October 10, 2017:

- Email: [IdahoNPDEScomments@epa.gov](mailto:IdahoNPDEScomments@epa.gov)
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: U.S. EPA, Attn: Idaho NPDES Comments, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW-191, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101-3140.

## Informational Meetings and Public Hearings

Informational meetings will include a technical overview of both the federal and state programs and provide an opportunity for question and answer. The public hearings that follow will provide interested parties with the opportunity to give written and/or oral testimony into the official record.

### Dates and Locations:

**September 11, 2017** - [Central Public Library](#) - 457 W. Broadway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 - 208-612-8460  
Informational meeting from 4-5:30 pm. Public hearing/testimony begins at 6 pm until complete.

**September 12, 2017** - [Twin Falls Public Library](#) - 201 Fourth Ave. East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 - 208-733-2964  
Informational meeting from 4-5:30 pm. Public hearing/testimony begins at 6 pm until complete.

**September 13, 2017** - [Boise Public Library](#) - 715 S Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702 - 208-972-8200  
Informational meeting from 4-5:30 pm. Public hearing/testimony begins at 6 pm until complete.

**September 14, 2017** - Lewiston Community Center - 1424 Main St., Lewiston, ID 83501 - 208-746-2313  
Informational meeting from 4-5:30 pm. Public hearing/testimony begins at 6 pm until complete.

**September 15, 2017** - [Coeur d'Alene Public Library](#) - 702 E Front Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 -208-769-2315  
Informational meeting from 2-3:30 pm. Public hearing/testimony begins at 4 pm until complete.

## Idaho Tribes

EPA will retain authority for NPDES permits for discharges to tribal waters.

- EPA will coordinate with interested tribes and provide an opportunity for Government-to-Government consultation prior to IPDES program approval.
- EPA currently administers approximately 17 tribal NPDES permits in Idaho.

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## For More Information

Federal Register Notice of Idaho's Program Submission for EPA Approval:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/11/2017-16822/public-notice-of-state-of-idaho-national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes-program>

General Information about the NPDES Program: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes>

Information about the IPDES Program: <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/ipdes/>