NAMPA WASTEWATER ADVISORY TEAM
SURVEY NO. 1
AT-A-GLANCE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

The City of Nampa must implement an extensive program to upgrade its treatment and disposal of wastewater in order to meet the upcoming National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The city is currently evaluating which upgrade options would be best for Nampa and would like input from the community during this process.

Involving the community in this process is challenging, but necessary. Nampa residents and businesses must be aware of the complexities of wastewater treatment and understand they will be required to pay more for the upgrade. To gather input into the decision-making process, the City has formed an electronic focus group comprised of volunteer citizens and community leaders. The purpose of the focus group is to help city leadership determine which option best meets the needs of its Nampa citizens.

Participants of the electronic focus group will commit time to learning about wastewater issues and provide their thoughts and opinions about how to best upgrade the wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The first survey was sent in October 2010 to a database of 300 residents, businesses and industry representatives.

SUMMARY AT-A-GLANCE

The purpose of the first survey was to provide input on values that are important to the Nampa community when making wastewater decisions. A total of 98 surveys were returned.

- **Participants were very satisfied with the current level of the wastewater services.**

- **Participants ranked the following statements (in order) regarding upgrades to the treatment and disposal system:**
    1. Upgrades should easily accommodate future conditions or requirements.
    2. Upgrades should ensure that water discharged from the treatment plant into Indian Creek is the highest quality.
    3. Upgrades should maintain the treatment plant's current level of minimal noise, odor and traffic in and out of the facility.

- **The majority of participants indicated that quality is more significant than cost.**