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Michael Kuhns, Director
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Maine IC TMDLs

Dear Mr. Kuhns:

Thank you for the Department's submittal of the final *Maine Impervious Cover TMDL* (Total Maximum Daily Load). For the waters addressed by this TMDL report, percent impervious cover (% IC) in the various watersheds serves as a surrogate for the mix of pollutants in stormwater. The purpose of these TMDLs is to address the impaired aquatic life use in several small streams in Maine receiving a mix of regulated and unregulated urban stormwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 25, 2012 Impervious Cover TMDLs. EPA has determined that the TMDLs for multiple waterbodies included in this report meet the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Attached is a copy of our approval documentation.

We commend your staff's efforts and involvement with our office to develop and finalize this TMDL report. We believe the information, maps, case studies and references provided in the core TMDL document and site-specific appendices will educate and assist stakeholders in addressing stream restoration at the local level. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the ME DEP in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Perkins, Director
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