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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of the Maine Statewide TMDL for Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution report

Dear Mr. Kuhns:

Thank you for submitting the final *Maine Statewide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution* report. The purpose of these TMDLs for sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen is to address the impaired aquatic life use in twenty-one freshwater stream segments located in rural/suburban areas of towns located in several different watershed drainage areas across Maine, as listed and identified in the attached copy of Appendix 1 of the TMDL report.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's July 5, 2016 submittal of these NPS TMDLs. EPA has determined that these TMDLs 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 believe the information, maps, and other locational references provided in Maine's Statewide NPS TMDL document, with site-specific appendices for each impaired stream segment, will continue to educate, motivate, and assist stakeholders in addressing nonpoint source water quality impairments 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,

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Ken Moraff, Director
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