

January 26, 2000

David Van Wie
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Cobbossee Lake TMDL

Dear Mr. Van Wie:

Thank you for your submittal of the Cobbossee Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. This waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list as a high priority for TMDL development to address algae blooms due to excessive nutrient loading.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's Cobbossee Lake TMDL, which consists of the Cobbossee Watershed District's 1995 TMDL report and ME DEP's October 14, 1999 addendum. EPA has determined that the Cobbossee Lake TMDL meets 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 are very pleased with the quality of your TMDL submittal and the original work prepared by the Cobbossee Watershed District. The District and your staff have done an excellent job of preparing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report.

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,

Linda M. Murphy, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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