

August 22, 2000

David Van Wie
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Presque Isle Stream TMDLs

Dear Mr. Van Wie:

Thank you for your submittal of the Presque Isle Stream Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for ammonia-nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand, and total phosphorus. This waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list as a high priority for TMDL development to address low dissolved oxygen due to excessive nutrient loading from point and nonpoint sources, and point source BOD.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's July 25, 2000 Presque Isle Stream TMDL. EPA has determined that this 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. Your staff have done an excellent job of developing the TMDLs for this stream. 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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Office of Ecosystem Protection

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