

March 8, 2001

David Van Wie
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Mousam River TMDLs

Dear Mr. Van Wie:

Thank you for your submittal of the Mousam River Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for BOD, ammonia nitrogen, total phosphorus, and seven toxic substances (silver, arsenic, selenium, copper, lead, zinc, aluminum). This waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list to address toxics and total phosphorus from point and nonpoint sources; the river is not attaining class C standards for dissolved oxygen concentration, and fails to meet criteria for certain toxic substances. Although the original listing was as a medium priority for TMDL development, the schedule was accelerated in order to provide Sanford Sewer District updated water quality information necessary to design and implement treatment requirements needed in a plant upgrade.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's February 1, 2001 Mousam River 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 are very pleased with the quality of your TMDL submittal. Your staff have done an excellent job of modeling, developing the TMDLs for this stream, and documenting their work. 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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