

September 10, 2003

David Courtemanch
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Threemile Pond TMDL

Dear Mr. Courtemanch:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Threemile Pond Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. This waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list and was moved up as a priority for TMDL development due to the high level of stakeholder interest in this particular lake. The purpose of the TMDL is to address algae blooms due to excessive nutrient loading.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 3, 2003 Threemile Pond TMDL received electronically by EPA on September 5, 2003. 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 preparing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report in a new reader-friendly format, including a useful summary fact sheet for stakeholders. 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

cc: David Halliwell, ME DEP

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