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Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Echo Lake TMDL

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Echo Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. This waterbody is included on Maine's 2004 303(d) list and was prioritized for TMDL development. The purpose of the TMDL is to address impaired primary contact recreational use from algae blooms due to excessive nutrient loading from nonpoint source pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's January 12, Echo Lake TMDL received by EPA electronically. 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, in collaboration with the Maine Association of Conservation Districts, have done an excellent job of preparing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report, and incorporating public comment. 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,

Stephen S. Perkins, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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