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Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Trout Brook TMDL

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Trout Brook Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for percent impervious cover (% IC) in the watershed, which serves as a surrogate for the mix of pollutants in stormwater, and for lead (Pb) and zinc (Zn) which serve as surrogates for the array of metals in stormwater. This Class C waterbody is included on Maine's 2006 303(d) list and was prioritized for TMDL development. The purpose of the TMDL is to address impaired aquatic life use from a mix of regulated and unregulated urban stormwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's October 19, 2007, Trout Brook 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 note the public interest in the restoration and protection of this small urban stream, expressed in comments from both Cape Elizabeth and South Portland, and are impressed with the local interest and knowledge that will be so valuable for more detailed watershed planning in the future. 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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