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April 29, 2008

Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Long Pond TMDL

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Long Pond Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. The 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 trophic status due to excessive nutrient loading from nonpoint source pollution, primarily due to runoff from surrounding land in the watershed.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's April 18, 2008 Long Pond 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 pleased with the quality of your TMDL submittal. Your staff, in collaboration with FB Environmental Associates have done an excellent job of preparing and ground-truthing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report for this large, dual-basin lake in Maine. 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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