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Mr. Ted Diers
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Dear Mr. Diers,

Thank you for the final submission of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for 44 Bacteria Impaired Waters in New Hampshire. This TMDL submission addresses impaired waterbodies in twelve HUC 8 watersheds for the indicator bacteria *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves New Hampshire's 44 Bacteria TMDLs, originally submitted on March 8, 2013 and revised and re-submitted on September 26, 2013. These 44 Bacteria TMDLs are supported by the Statewide Bacteria TMDL Document which was approved by EPA in September 2010. 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 commend your staff's efforts and involvement with our office to develop and finalize these TMDLs. We believe the information, maps, data and references provided in this document and appendices combined with the 2010 Statewide Bacteria TMDL Document will educate, motivate and assist stakeholders in tackling bacterial impairments at the local level. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the New Hampshire DES in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA.

Sincerely,

Ken Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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