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Mr. Paul Currier, P.E.  
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**SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of New Hampshire Statewide Bacteria TMDLs**

Dear Mr. Currier:

Thank you for submitting the final New Hampshire Statewide Bacteria TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) document. The purpose of these TMDLs is to address the impaired recreational use in freshwaters and tidal waters, as well as the impaired shellfish harvesting use in tidal waters in New Hampshire. The TMDL report covers 394 distinct bacteria impairments, including all waters listed on New Hampshire's 2008 303(d) list for E. coli, enterococcus, and fecal coliform.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves New Hampshire's September 2010 Statewide Bacteria TMDLs, submitted with a cover letter dated September 13, 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 this TMDL. We believe the information, maps, data and references provided in the main TMDL document and appendices 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen S. Perkins".

Stephen S. Perkins, Director  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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