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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Maine Statewide Bacteria TMDL: 2013 Freshwater Addendum

Dear Mr. Kuhns:

Thank you for submitting the final *Maine Statewide Bacteria TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads): 2013 Freshwater Addendum*. The purpose of these TMDLs is to address the impaired recreational use in four freshwater streams segments of Duck Brook, Goosefare Brook, and West Branch Sheepscot located in Arundel, Saco, and Windsor, Maine, respectively.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 8, 2014 submittal of these additional freshwater Bacteria 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 believe the information, maps, and references provided in the primary 2009-approved Maine Statewide Bacteria TMDL document, as well as this 2013 Freshwater Addendum document with site-specific appendices will continue to educate, motivate, and assist stakeholders in tackling bacterial impairments at the local level. 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,

/s/

Ken Moraff, Director
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