



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MAY 18 2012

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Cathy Stepp, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Ms. Stepp:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Lower Fox River and Lower Green Bay Watershed, including supporting documentation and follow up information. The Lower Fox River and Lower Green Bay Watershed is located in northwestern Wisconsin, in Brown, Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. The TMDLs were calculated for phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) to address degraded habitat and low dissolved oxygen to achieve the fish and other aquatic life designated uses.

The TMDLs meet the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. Therefore, EPA hereby approves Wisconsin's 21 TMDLs for TSS and 24 TMDLs for phosphorus for a total of 45 TMDLs in the Lower Fox River and Lower Green Bay Watershed. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Wisconsin's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document.

We wish to acknowledge Wisconsin's effort in submitting these TMDLs and look forward to future TMDL submissions by the State of Wisconsin. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-0236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Swenson".

for Tinka G. Hyde
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Nicole Clayton, WDNR