



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF
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Adrian Stocks, Director
Water Quality Bureau
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster Street
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Dear Mr. Stocks:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Wisconsin River Basin, including supporting documentation and follow up information. The Wisconsin River Basin is located in central Wisconsin, in portions of 22 counties. The TMDLs were calculated for total phosphorus. The TMDLs address the impairment of aquatic recreational and aquatic life uses.

EPA has determined that these 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 128 TMDLs in the Wisconsin River Basin. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Wisconsin's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document. EPA also agrees that the protection measures outlined in the TMDL document for the remaining unimpaired waterbodies are sufficient to maintain the existing water quality. EPA agrees these measures are appropriate for consideration as "protection strategies" as described in "A Long-Term Vision for Assessment, Restoration, and Protection under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program".

We wish to acknowledge Wisconsin's effort in submitting these TMDLs and protection strategies, addressing aquatic recreational and aquatic life uses, and look forward to future submissions by the State of Wisconsin. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Pfeifer, Acting Chief of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-353-9024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joan M. Tanaka".

Joan M. Tanaka
Acting Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Kevin Kirsch, WDNR