

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

WW-16J

Kenneth Johnson, Administrator Division of Water Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 7921 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Re: Approval of Wisconsin's 2010 Section 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of Wisconsin's 2010 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation and, based on this review, EPA has determined that Wisconsin's 2010 list of water quality limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Load calculations meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations. The approved 303(d) list includes those waters which are impaired as identified in Wisconsin's April 4, 2010 submitted version of the Impaired Waters List and subsequent e-mails. Following a review of this information, EPA hereby approves Wisconsin's Section 303(d) list, as further detailed in Tables 1 and 2 of EPA's Decision Document for the Approval of the Wisconsin's 2010 List with Respect to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, (enclosed).

EPA's approval of Wisconsin's Section 303(d) list extends to all water bodies on the list with the exception of those waters that are within Indian Country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 1151. EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the State's list with respect to those waters at this time. EPA, or eligible Indian Tribes, as appropriate, will retain responsibilities under Section 303(d) for those waters.

We appreciate your hard work in this area and your submittal of the list as required. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-0236.

Sincerely yours,

Finka G. Hyde

Director, Water Division

Enclosure

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