

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Sharon Gayan, Water Quality Bureau Director, Division of Environmental Management Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Weber Street Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

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Dear Ms. Gayan:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a complete review of Wisconsin's 2016 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation and information. Based on this review, EPA determined that Wisconsin's 2016 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 (CWA) and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, EPA approves Wisconsin's Section 303(d) list which identifies the waters and associated pollutants along with the State's priority rankings for these waters and pollutants. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Wisconsin's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document.

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. § 1151. EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the State's list with respect to those waters at this time.

We appreciate the efforts you and your staff have made in providing a complete submittal of the list as required. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-0236.

Sincerely,

Christopher Korleski Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc:

Ashley Beranek, WDNR