



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Paul Aasen, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Dear Mr. Aasen:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a complete review of Minnesota's 2010 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation and information. Based on this review, EPA determined that Minnesota'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 (CWA) and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, EPA approves Minnesota'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 Minnesota's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document.

EPA's approval of Minnesota'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. EPA, or eligible Indian Tribes, as appropriate, will retain responsibilities under CWA Section 303(d) for those waters.

We appreciate the timely 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tinka Hyde".

Tinka G. Hyde  
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Howard Markus, MPCA  
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