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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
WW-16J

Glenn Skuta, Watershed Division Director
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Dear Mr. Skuta:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for segments within the Long Prairie River watershed, including support documentation and follow up information. The Long Prairie River watershed (LPRW) is in central Minnesota in parts of Douglas, Morrison, Otter Tail, Todd, and Wadena Counties. The LPRW TMDLs address impaired aquatic recreation due to excessive nutrients (phosphorus) and excessive bacteria (*E. coli*).

EPA has determined that the LPRW TMDLs meet the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. Therefore, EPA approves Minnesota's seven nutrient TMDLs and three bacteria TMDLs. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Minnesota's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document.

We wish to acknowledge Minnesota's efforts in submitting these TMDLs and look forward to future TMDL submissions by the State of Minnesota. 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 that reads "Ch. Korleski".

Christopher Korleski
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Celine Lyman, MPCA

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