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Mr. Lawrence Svien, Executive Director
Zumbro Watershed Partnership, Inc.
1485 Industrial Drive Northwest, Room 102
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Dear Mr. Svien:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has reviewed your recently submitted implementation plan for the Zumbro River Watershed Turbidity Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). We find the water quality improvement activities described in the plan to be reasonable, and consistent with the TMDL study and other projects underway. As such, we hereby approve the implementation plan.

This document will be part of a dynamic and adaptive planning effort in the Zumbro River watershed. In the near future, new information will emerge regarding the nature of, and solutions for, aquatic life impairments in southeast Minnesota. Therefore, the MPCA expects that revisions to this plan and consideration of its place in greater planning efforts will be executed in coming years. We will continue to work with the Zumbro Watershed Partnership in this effort.

Thank you for your work and time spent creating this plan. Your staff facilitated a sound stakeholder input process that is well-reflected in the document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Finley', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Finley, Manager
South Watershed Section
Watershed Division

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