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Commissioner Jason Batchelder
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
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Dear Commissioner Batchelder:

Thank you for your final submittal of the 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list, State of Vermont 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, dated August 1, 2024, submitted on October 1, 2024. In accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR §130.7, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a complete review of Vermont's 2022 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation. Based on this review, EPA has determined that Vermont's list of water quality limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, by this letter, EPA hereby approves Vermont's 2024 Section 303(d) list.

The submittal includes a list of those waters for which technology-based and other required controls for point and nonpoint sources are not stringent enough to attain or maintain compliance with the State's Water Quality Standards. The submittal presents Vermont's TMDL strategy, which describes a priority setting approach and identifies those waters for which TMDLs will be completed and submitted during the next two years. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Vermont's compliance with each requirement, are described in detail in the enclosed approval document.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) has also successfully completed a public participation process during which the public was given the opportunity to review and comment on the Section 303(d) list. As a result of this effort, Vermont has considered public comments in the development of the final list. A summary of the public comments and VTDEC's response to comments were included in the submittal.

Your staff has done an excellent job of preparing a comprehensive and informative list and providing EPA with thorough supporting documentation. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with VTDEC in implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA. Please feel free to contact me or Ivy Mlsna at (617) 918-1311, if you have any questions or comments on our review.

Sincerely,

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Water Division

Enclosures

EPA Decision Document on Vermont's 2024 Section 303(d) List

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