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REGION 7

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APR 24 2013

Mr. William Ehm, Division Administrator
Environmental Services Division
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Ehm:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the 2012 Iowa Clean Water Act, Section 303(d) List of water quality-limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). The list was submitted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on March 25, 2013, and received by the EPA on April 1, 2013.

The IDNR's § 303(d) List submittal included:

- 1) A letter identifying the submittal as Iowa's 2012 Section 303(d) List,
- 2) Iowa's final 2012 CWA, Section 303(d) impaired waters list (including a list of priority waters for TMDL development),
- 3) the full Integrated Report for 2012,
- 4) the IDNR's 2012 assessment and listing methodology,
- 5) a summary of waters removed from Iowa's 2010 Section 303(d) List,
- 6) a public participation responsiveness summary, including copies of all public comments and responses.

The IDNR's submission is formatted consistent with the EPA's guidance regarding "integrated reporting" and therefore, contains five separate categories of listing waters. There are 479 water body segments and 603 impairments within Category 5 of Iowa's integrated report which constitutes Iowa's list of water quality-limited segments still requiring TMDLs subject to the EPA's approval.

Based on its review, the EPA has determined that the IDNR's list of water quality-limited segments and their impairments still requiring TMDLs meets the requirement of Section 303(d) of the CWA and the EPA's implementing regulations. The EPA is therefore approving the 2012 Iowa CWA, Section 303(d) List.

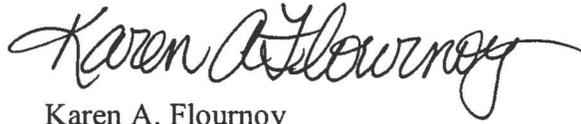
I congratulate you and your staff for the completion of the list development and submission process. This process requires a significant amount of staff resources and involves a complex evaluation and assessment of water quality data. We look forward to working with the IDNR on the development of the 2014 Section 303(d) List in the near future.



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If you would like to further discuss the EPA's action, please contact me at (913) 551-7782, or John DeLashmit, Chief, Water Quality Management Branch, at (913) 551-7821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen A. Flourney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Karen A. Flourney
Director
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Olson, IDNR
Mr. John Goodin, EPA HQ