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Karen Flournoy, Director
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII
11201 Renner Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Flournoy:

Enclosed is Iowa's 2012 Section 303(d) list. The list is being submitted for EPA review and approval pursuant to 40 CFR 130.7(d). In addition to the Section 303(d) list (Integrated Report Category 5), Iowa's complete Integrated Report has been included with this submittal. EPA should consider this to be the formal submittal of Iowa's 2012 Integrated Report pursuant to Sections 305(b), 303(d), and 314 of the Clean Water Act. All assessments for the 2012 listing cycle, as well as historical assessments, are available through Iowa's Section 305(b) database, ADBNet (<http://programs.iowadnr.gov/adbnet/index.aspx>).

Also included is supporting documentation that includes Iowa's assessment and listing methodology, the public participation responsiveness summary, and copies of public comments received on Iowa's draft 2012 Section 303(d) list.

Public comments were sought on Iowa's draft Section 303(d) list from January 15, 2013 through February 28, 2013. A copy of each public comment received is included in the enclosed responsiveness summary.

Iowa's Draft 2012 Section 303(d) list included 483 waterbodies with a total of 656 impairments. Based on public comments, comments from EPA Region VII, and based on internal review by IDNR staff, several changes were made to Iowa's 2012 draft list. After incorporating these changes, Iowa's final Section 303(d) list contains 480 waterbodies with a total of 642 impairments. These changes are described in the enclosed responsiveness summary.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding the methodology used to develop the 2012 Section 303(d) list or regarding specific waterbodies included or not included on Iowa's final 2012 Section 303(d) list. You may contact John Olson at (515) 281-8905 (john.olson@dnr.iowa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Encl: 2012 Integrated Report (includes Iowa's 2012 Section 303(d) list)

- Responsiveness Summary (includes comments received)
- IDNR's 2012 Assessment and Listing Methodology
- Summary of waters removed from Iowa's 2010 Section 303(d) list