

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: W-16J

Adrian Stocks, Director Water Quality Bureau Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street Box 7921 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Mr. Stocks:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) updates for the Wisconsin River Basin, including supporting documentation and follow up information. The Wisconsin River Basin TMDLs for phosphorus were originally approved on April 26, 2019. The updates to the TMDL add an additional 10 waters to those approved in the original TMDL decision.

EPA has determined that this TMDL update meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. Therefore, EPA hereby approves Wisconsin's addition of 10 waters to the Wisconsin River Basin TMDL. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Wisconsin's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document. These additions do not change the basis for the original TMDL approval, nor the allocations previously approved.

We wish to acknowledge Wisconsin's effort in submitting these TMDLs and look forward to future submissions by the State of Wisconsin. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Werbach of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch at werbach.david@epa.gov or 312-886-4242.

Sincerely,

Tera L. Fong Division Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Kevin Kirsch, WDNR