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Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Daigle Pond TMDL

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Daigle Pond Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. This waterbody is included on Maine's 2004 303(d) list and was prioritized for TMDL development. The purpose of the TMDL is to address impaired primary contact recreational use from algae blooms due to excessive nutrient loading from nonpoint source pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 27, 2006 Daigle Pond TMDL received by EPA electronically. EPA has determined that this TMDL meets the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Attached is a copy of our approval documentation.

Daigle Brook, outlet stream from Daigle Pond, is also listed on Maine's 2004 303(d) list of impaired waters, due to excessive phosphorus contributions from Daigle Pond, as well as from the brook's direct watershed within the Cross Lake drainage system. We concur that the TMDL for Daigle Pond was developed with consideration of the water quality problems in Daigle Brook, and that the in-lake targets and recommended reductions of total phosphorus loading in the Daigle Pond and Cross Lake watersheds will address improvements to water quality within Daigle Brook as well. It is our understanding that, based on EPA's approvals of the TMDLs for both Daigle Pond and Cross Lake, ME DEP intends to propose a re-listing from Maine's 303(d) list for Daigle Brook to category 4A in Maine's 2006 integrated 3305(b)/303(d) list.

My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the ME DEP in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA.

Sincerely,

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