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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Brad Moore, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Re: Minnesota Mercury Statewide Total Maximum Daily Load

Dear Mr. Moore:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has conducted a complete review of the Minnesota Statewide Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load submitted to U.S. EPA August 25, 2006, including Minnesota's northeast and southwest regional total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) addressing 511 mercury impairments. Based on this review, U.S. EPA has determined that these two TMDLs meet the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and U.S. EPA's implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. Therefore, by this letter U.S. EPA hereby approves two (2) TMDLs addressing 511 mercury impairments within the State of Minnesota. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and the TMDLs' compliance with these requirements, are described in the enclosed decision document.

We appreciate your hard work in this area and the submittal of the TMDLs as required. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Pierard, Chief of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-4448.

Sincerely yours,

Jo Lynn Traub
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

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