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Ms. Cathy Curran Myers  
Deputy Secretary for Water Management  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
P.O. Box 2063  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Ms. Myers:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for the *Paint Creek, UNT Paint Creek and Babcock Creek Watersheds TMDL, Somerset and Cambria Counties, For Acid Mine Drainage Affected Segments*, dated January 19, 2007, submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and received by EPA for review and approval on February 15, 2007. The TMDLs were established and submitted in accordance with Sections 303(d)(1)(c) and 303(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act. The TMDLs were established to address impairment of water quality as identified in Pennsylvania's 1996 Section 303(d) list of impaired waters requiring TMDLs for metals and pH associated with abandoned mine drainage. A rationale of our approval is enclosed.

As you know, any new or revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits with applicable effluent limits must be consistent with the TMDL's wasteload allocation pursuant to 40 CFR §122.44(d)(1)(VII)(B).

Any such permit should be submitted to EPA for review consistent with our letter dated October 1, 1998. If you have further questions, please call me or have your staff contact Ms. Mary F. Beck at (215) 814-3429.

Sincerely,

*Signed*

Jon M. Capacasa, Director  
Water Protection Division

Enclosure

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