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Ms. Cathy Curran Myers
Deputy Secretary for Water Management
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
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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 *Beaverdam Branch Watershed, Mill Run, Burgoon Run (Kittanning Run), Glenwite Run, & Sugar Run*, Blair County, submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and received by EPA for review and approval on January 17, 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) lists 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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