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Mr. Jeffrey R. Vonk
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Dear Mr. Vonk:

Re: Approval of Iowa TMDLs

This letter responds to the submission from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) originally received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on September 22, 2006, for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) documents which contains TMDLs for pathogen indicators. A segment of the Volga River, Black Hawk Creek, and Maquoketa River were identified on the 1998 Iowa §303(d) list as impaired. A second segment of the Volga River was identified on the 2002 Iowa §303(d) list as impaired. This submission fulfills the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairments (water body segments and pollutant) are:

Water Body Name	WBID	TMDL pollutants
Volga River	IA 01-VOL-0010_1	Pathogen Indicators
	IA 01-VOL-0010_2	Pathogen Indicators
Black Hawk Creek	IA 02-CED-0370_1	Pathogen Indicators
Maquoketa River	IA 01-MAQ-0060_1	Pathogen Indicators

EPA has completed its review of the TMDLs with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDLs. Enclosed with this letter are the Region 7 TMDL Decision Documents which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDLs. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that IDNR has put into these TMDLs. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by IDNR to develop remaining TMDLs.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Reyna, of my staff, at (913)551-7021.

Sincerely,

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