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February 4, 2021

Mr. Justin Green, Water Quality Administrator
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Lloyd 700 Building
700 NE Multnomah St., Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97232

Re: Transmittal of the Final Willamette Basin Mercury TMDL

Dear Mr. Green:

This letter serves as EPA's transmittal to you of the "Willamette Basin Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load, December 30, 2019 as revised on February 4, 2021" (TMDL). Pursuant to § 303(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(d)(2), EPA has established this TMDL and is hereby providing it to the State for implementation.

EPA's TMDL was made available for public comment on January 6, 2020. The comments we received that resulted in changes to the TMDL are summarized, along with EPA's response, in the attached document. The complete "response to comments" document is posted on our website.

EPA recognizes ODEQ's diligent efforts to address mercury as a pollutant in the Willamette Basin and its recent extensive work to engage communities and the general public in implementing the TMDL. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff as the TMDL is implemented. If you have any questions or would like to discuss options for collaboration, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855 or Alan Henning of my staff at (541) 687-7360.

Sincerely,

/s/ February 4, 2021

Daniel D. Opalski, Director

Enclosures:

- Willamette Basin Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load, December 30, 2019 as revised on January 20, 2021
- Summary "Response to Comments" Document

- cc. Ms. Jennifer Wigal, Deputy Administrator, Water Quality Division, ODEQ (via email)
- Mr. Gene Foster, Manager, Watershed Management Section, ODEQ (via email)
- Ms. Alex Liverman, ODEQ (via email)
- Ms. Andrea Matkze, ODEQ (via email)
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