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Subject: Arizona 2018 CWA Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

Dear Mr. Baggione:

Thank you for submitting Arizona's 2018 Clean Water Act (CWA) 303(d) List of Impaired Waters (2018 List). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves all water quality limited segments (WQLSs) and associated pollutants identified by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as requiring a total maximum daily load under CWA section 303(d).

In addition, consistent with the actions requested in your August 15, 2018 letter, the EPA disapproves the omission of five WQLSs, as specified in Table 2 of the Enclosure. As requested by ADEQ, the EPA proposes to add the five WQLSs to the 2018 List pursuant to 40 CFR § 130.7(d)(2). The EPA will solicit public comments on the proposed additions and advise ADEQ of any revision to the proposal deemed appropriate per comments received. The legal requirements and the rationale for the actions are enclosed.

ADEQ's public process for developing the 2018 List is consistent with the requirements of CWA section 303(d) and its implementing regulations, including 40 CFR § 130.7(c)(1). The priority WQLS rankings in the 2018 List submission comport with 40 CFR § 130.7(b) requirements and offer an appropriate framework for ADEQ's future total maximum daily load development.

I look forward to our continued partnership to protect Arizona's waters. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3337 or refer staff to Matt Bolt at (415) 972-3452.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tomás Torres", written over a horizontal line.

Tomás Torres
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Krista Osterberg, ADEQ
Jason Jones, ADEQ