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**SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Presumpscot River TMDL**

Dear Ms. Kirkpatrick: *Martha*

Thank you for your submittal of the Presumpscot River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for biological oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids (TSS). This waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list as a high priority for TMDL development to address dissolved oxygen and aquatic life water quality standard violations.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's Presumpscot River TMDL, received by EPA on March 28, 1998, and further clarified on June 29 and August 28, 1998. EPA has determined that the Presumpscot River TMDL meets the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Please note that in approving this TMDL, EPA is not reaching any determination regarding the §125.3(f) demonstration which we expect SAPPI - Westbrook to be submitting in January, 1999.

As stated in previous comment letters, we are very pleased with the quality of your TMDL submittal. Your staff have done an excellent job of preparing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report.

The submittal includes all the required elements of a TMDL, including:

- loading capacity,                      - load allocations                      - seasonal variation
- waste load allocations,              - margin of safety                      - public participation process.

The submittal also includes information related to required elements including:

- submittal letter                                      - analytical method used and analysis documentation
- applicable state water quality standards      - future monitoring plans.
- description of pollutant sources

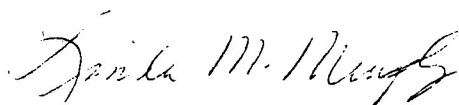
Maine considered public comments in development of the Presumpscot River TMDL, and provided responses to public comment in the June 29, 1998 report. The 1995 Waste Load Allocation study of the Presumpscot River was a cooperative effort among individuals from

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industry, municipalities, citizen groups, and state agencies. Individuals from these groups participated in the actual field work and the planning of the study. Maine Department of Environmental Protection provided the stakeholders and other interested members of the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the March 28, 1998 *Presumpscot River Supplemental Report to Waste Load Allocation*, and a copy of the 1995 report was included in the review package.

My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the ME DEP in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or comments on our review.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Murphy, Director  
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Enclosure

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