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September 23, 2021

Brian Kavanah, Director Bureau of Water Quality Maine Department of Environmental Protection #17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

## Re: Approval of Maine Statewide TMDL for Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution 2021 Addendum

Dear Mr. Kavanah:

Thank you for submitting the final *Maine Statewide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution 2021 Addendum.* The purpose of these TMDLs for sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen is to address the impaired aquatic life use in fourteen freshwater stream segments located in rural/suburban areas of several different watershed drainage areas across Maine, as listed and identified in Appendix 1 of the attached approval document.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 9, 2021 submittal of these NPS TMDLs. EPA has determined that these TMDLs meet the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Attached is a copy of our approval documentation.

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.

Sincerely,

Ken Moraff, Director Water Division

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