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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Marcia T. Willhite, Chief
Bureau of Water
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 19276
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Watershed Management Section
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Re: Partial Approval/Partial Disapproval of 2008 Section 303(d) List

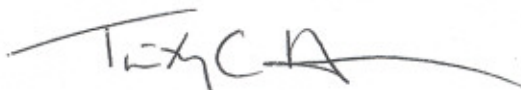
Dear Ms. Willhite:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of Illinois' 2008 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation and, based on this review, EPA has determined that Illinois' 2008 list of water quality limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Load calculations partially meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, EPA hereby partially approves Illinois' Section 303(d) list (attachment 3 of the decision document, Partially Approved 303(d) List). The partially approved 303(d) list includes those waters which are impaired due to low dissolved oxygen as IEPA identified in its March 2008 public noticed version of the Integrated Report appendix A1. EPA agrees with the State's priority rankings for the waters and pollutants listed in the partially approved list. EPA disapproves the State's decision not to list additional water bodies (identified in attachment 1 of the decision document), because EPA finds that the waters and associated pollutants meet the federal requirements for listing under Section 303(d) at this time. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Illinois' compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document. EPA will provide notice and an opportunity to comment on the Agency's decision to add back to the State's 303(d) list the waters identified in attachment 1.

EPA's approval of Illinois' Section 303(d) list extends to all water bodies on the list with the exception of those waters that are within Indian Country, as defined in 18 C. Section 1151. EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the State's list with respect to those waters at this time. EPA, or eligible Indian Tribes, as appropriate, will retain responsibilities under Section 303(d) for those waters.

We appreciate your hard work in this area and your timely submittal of the list as required. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kevin Pierard, Chief, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-4448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy C. Henry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy C. Henry
Acting Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Gregg Good, IEPA
Dean Studer, IEPA