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Dear Dr. ^{Hamid}Karimi:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region III, is pleased to approve *Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) of Trash for the Anacostia River Watershed, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland and the District of Columbia*. The final trash TMDLs were submitted for EPA review and approval by the District of Columbia Department of the Environment on September 15, 2010. The TMDLs were established and submitted in accordance with Section 303(d)(1)(c) and (2) of the Clean Water Act to address impairments of water quality as identified in the District's Section 303(d) List. The Upper Anacostia River (DCANA00E) and Lower Anacostia River (DCANA00E) were originally listed on the District of Columbia's 2006 Section 303(d) List as impaired by trash. The Upper and Lower segments of the Anacostia were also listed on the District of Columbia's 1998 Section 303(d) List as impaired by biochemical oxygen demand, bacteria, organics, metals, total suspended solids, and oil and grease. These TMDLs address the trash impairments only.

In accordance with Federal regulations at 40 CFR §130.7, these TMDLs must comply with the following requirements: (1) be designed to attain and maintain the applicable water quality standards; (2) include a total allowable loading and as appropriate, wasteload allocations for point sources and load allocations for nonpoint sources; (3) consider the impacts of background pollutant contributions; (4) take critical stream conditions into account (the conditions when water quality is most likely to be violated); (5) consider seasonal variations; (6) include a margin of safety (which accounts for uncertainties in the relationship between pollutant loads and instream water quality); and (7) be subject to public participation. In addition, these TMDLs considered reasonable assurance that the TMDL allocations assigned to the nonpoint sources can be reasonably met. The enclosure to this letter describes how the trash TMDLs for the Anacostia River watershed satisfy each of these requirements.

As you know, all new or revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits must be consistent with the TMDL wasteload allocation pursuant to 40 CFR §122.44 (d)(1)(vii)(B). Please submit all such permits to EPA for review as per EPA's letter dated October 1, 1998.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Gregory Voigt, at 215-814-5737

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Thank you for DOE's
and your personal leadership
in bringing about this
milestone in restoring
the Anasco area.
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