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January 10, 2005

Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Upper Narrows Pond TMDL

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Upper Narrows Pond Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus. This waterbody is included on Maine's 2002 303(d) list and was listed as a priority for TMDL development in 2003-2004. The purpose of the TMDL is to address declining trophic status due to excessive nutrient loading from nonpoint source pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's December 20, 2004 Upper Narrows Pond TMDL received by EPA on the same day electronically. EPA has determined that this TMDL meets 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.

We are very pleased with the quality of your TMDL submittal. Your staff, in collaboration with the Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD) and the Maine Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) have done an excellent job of preparing and ground-truthing a comprehensive and informative TMDL report to restore and protect Upper Narrows Pond which serves as the primary source of drinking water for the Town of Winthrop and portions of the Town of Monmouth. We applaud the longstanding technical assistance provided by the CWD, the collaborative approach to water quality restoration involving NRCS, Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the recently formed Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed for water quality education and outreach. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Murphy".

Linda M. Murphy, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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