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**SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Prestile Stream & Christina Reservoir TMDLs**

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report on total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and sediment TMDLs for Prestile Stream, and a total phosphorus TMDL for Christina Reservoir. This Class A stream and Class GPA lake are included on Maine's 2008 303(d) list. The purposes of the TMDL are to address aquatic life and dissolved oxygen impairment in Prestile Stream, and primary contact recreation use impairment in Christina Reservoir, both due to excessive nutrient and sediment loading from nonpoint source pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's April 15, 2010 Prestile Stream and Christina Reservoir TMDLs. EPA has determined that this TMDL report 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 have done an excellent job of site investigation and use of the regionally-calibrated modeling tool (AVGWLF), resulting in a comprehensive and informative TMDL report for this NPS-impaired stream and reservoir in Aroostook County. 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,

/s/

Stephen S. Perkins, Director  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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