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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, received for review and approval the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) document: "Amendment to the Lower Raritan/Middlesex, Mercer County, Monmouth County, Northeast, Upper Delaware and Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plans, Total Maximum Daily Load Report for the Non-Tidal River Basin Addressing Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, pH and Total Suspended Solids Impairments, Watershed Management Areas 8, 9, and 10" (TMDL document) on February 2, 2016.

The TMDL document addresses a total of 45 combinations of pollutant/waterbody impairments: 32 total phosphorus, 3 pH, and 10 total suspended solids impairments in the streams and lakes within the non-tidal Raritan River basin. Pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the EPA's implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2), EPA approves 45 TMDLs addressing total phosphorus, pH and total suspended solids impairments. The TMDL document also includes one assessment unit impaired by dissolved oxygen, EPA concurs on the alternative restoration control strategy to address this impairment. The rationale for this approval and concurrence is provided in the enclosure entitled "Review of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the non-Tidal Raritan River Basin Addressing Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, pH and Total Suspended Solids, New Jersey."

The EPA expects these approved TMDLs will be incorporated into the New Jersey Water Quality Management Plan(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Gratz".

Jeff Gratz, Acting Director  
Clean Water Division

Enclosure