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Subject: Clean Water Act Sections 303(d) and 305(b) Final Submittals for the 2014 Cycle

Dear Mr. Laureano:

I am pleased to provide you and your staff with the enclosed compact disk (CD) containing an electronic copy of the final New Jersey 2014 Integrated Water Quality Assessment Report (Integrated Report), which is being formally transmitted to you in compliance with Sections 305(b) and 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The final 2014 Integrated Report combines the state reporting requirements established under Sections 303(d) and 305(b) and includes the following mandatory components and support materials:

- Final 2014 Integrated List of Waters (Sublists 1-5): Designated Use Assessment Results
- Final 2014 303(d) List with Priority Ranking for TMDL Development and Agency Responses to Public Comments
- Final 2014 Causes Removed from Sublist 5/303(d) List (with Reasons and Explanations)
- Final 2014 Decisions to Not List Causes on the 303(d) List/Sublist 5 (with Reasons and Explanations) and Justifications to Not List pH Due to Natural Conditions
- Final 2014 Causes Added to Sublists 4 and 5 (with Reasons and Explanations)
- Final Parameter Assessment Results, Statewide
- Changes in Designated Use Assessment Results from the 2012 Integrated Report
- Sources of Parameters Causing Use Impairment (Sublists 4 and 5)
- New Jersey's Vision Approach for Assessment, Restoration and Protection of Water Resources under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program

The above documents include revisions made to address comments received from USEPA and the public in response to the draft versions submitted to USEPA on January 18, 2016 and published in the New Jersey Register on February 1, 2016 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-6. The public comment period ended on March 2, 2016. These files and documents have been downloaded to the enclosed CD and have also been uploaded to USEPA Region 2's SharePoint repository.

The following documents have not changed since they were previously submitted and are available on Department's website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bears/2014_integrated_report.htm

- Final 2014 Two-Year Schedule for Total Maximum Daily Load Development
- Data Sources for the 2014 Integrated Report
- Assessment Unit Changes
- Cause Unknown Replacements
- Final 2014 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Methods (Methods Document)

Upon receiving approval from USEPA, the Final 2014 303(d) List will be adopted in accordance with recently amended Water Quality Management Planning Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15, a public notice announcing the adoption will be published in the New Jersey Register, and will be published on the Department's website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bears/2014_integrated_report.htm

We look forward to your timely response to this submission. Please contact Bureau Chief, Kimberly Cenno at 609-633-1441, if you have any questions or require additional information regarding New Jersey's formal submission of New Jersey's Clean Water Act Sections 303(d) and 305(b) Final Submittals for the 2014 Cycle.

Sincerely,



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