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CHICAGO, IL 60604

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Mr. Adrian Stocks
Director, Bureau of Water Quality
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Stocks:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed its review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for the Northeast Lakeshore Watershed (NELW), including supporting documentation. The NELW encompasses parts of Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties in northeastern Wisconsin. The NELW TMDLs address degraded habitat, degraded biological communities, low dissolved oxygen, eutrophication and excessive algal growth due to excessive nutrients and sediment.

The Northeast Lakeshore Watershed total phosphorus and total suspended solid TMDLs meet the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. Therefore, EPA approves Wisconsin's seventy stream phosphorus TMDLs, the twelve lake phosphorus TMDLs and four stream total suspended solid TMDLs for a total of eighty-six TMDLs. EPA describes Wisconsin's compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements in the enclosed decision document.

EPA acknowledges Wisconsin's efforts in submitting this TMDL and look forward to future TMDL submissions by the State of Wisconsin.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Proto, at 312-353-8657 or proto.paul@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

10/30/2023

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Division Director, Water Division
Signed by: Environmental Protection Agency

cc: Kevin Kirsch, WDNR