



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

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Mr. Ed Tormey, Division Administrator
Environmental Services Division
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Tormey:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the 2018 Iowa Clean Water Act, Section 303(d) List of water quality-limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads. The list was submitted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on February 24, 2020, and received by the EPA on February 24, 2020.

The IDNR's Section 303(d) List submittal included:

- 1) A letter identifying the submittal as Iowa's 2018 Section 303(d) List;
- 2) Iowa's final 2018 CWA, Section 303(d) impaired waters list (including a list of priority waters for TMDL development);
- 3) The full Integrated Report for 2018;
- 4) The IDNR's 2018 assessment and listing methodology;
- 5) A summary of waters removed from Iowa's 2016 Section 303(d) List;
- 6) A public participation responsiveness summary, including copies of all public comments and responses.

The IDNR's submission is formatted consistent with the EPA's guidance regarding "integrated reporting" and therefore contains five separate categories of listing waters. There are 622 water body segments and 786 water body/pollutant combinations within Category 5 of Iowa's integrated report which constitutes Iowa's list of water quality-limited segments still requiring TMDLs subject to the EPA's approval.

Based on its review, the EPA has determined that the IDNR's list of water quality-limited segments and their impairments still requiring TMDLs meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the CWA and the EPA's implementing regulations. The EPA is therefore approving the 2018 Iowa CWA, Section 303(d) List.

I congratulate you and your staff for the completion of the list development and submission process. This process requires a significant amount of staff resources and involves a complex evaluation and



assessment of water quality data. We look forward to working with the IDNR on the development of the 2020 Section 303(d) List in the near future.

If you would like to further discuss the EPA's action, please contact me at (913) 551-7146, or Jason Daniels, of my staff, at (913) 551-7443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffery Robichaud". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jeffery Robichaud
Director
Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Dan Kendall, IDNR
Mr. James Havard, EPA HQ