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April 26, 2010

Andrew Fisk
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SUBJECT: **Notification of Approval of Dudley Brook TMDL**

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for Maine's submittal of the Dudley Brook Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and sediment. This Class A waterbody is included on Maine's 2008 303(d) list. The purpose of the TMDL is to address aquatic life impairment 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 Dudley Brook TMDL. EPA has determined that this TMDL 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 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
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