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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Ms. Katrina Kessler
Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Re: Minnesota's 2020 List of Impaired Waters under Clean Water Act, Section 303(d)

Dear Ms. Kessler:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is finalizing the additions to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, which was submitted as part of Minnesota's 2020 Integrated Report, on February 25, 2021. EPA added thirty Water Quality Limited Segments (WQLSs) that are subject to the beneficial use and that exceed the sulfate criterion on April 27, 2021 and three WQLSs on September 1, 2021 to the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List.

Based on comments received during the public comments periods of April 29 to June 30, 2021, and September 1 to October 1, 2021, EPA determined that one of the waters that EPA added did not meet EPA's screening criteria for addition to the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List. Therefore, EPA is removing the Embarrass River (04010201-B00) segment from the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List.

The list of thirty-two waters that EPA has added to the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List is found at Attachment 1. EPA's response to comments received during the public notice periods is enclosed at Attachment 2 and its associated appendices. We are also enclosing EPA's responses to topics raised in tribal consultation discussions and communications (Attachment 3).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Pfeifer, Chief, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at (312) 353-9024 or pfeifer.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Waters Added by U.S. EPA to the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List
Attachment 2: EPA Additions to the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List - Response to Public Comments and Appendices
Attachment 3: Response to Comments Raised in During Consultation on EPA's Review of the Minnesota 2020 Impaired Waters List