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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Dear Ms. Maccabee:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to thank you for your May 28, 2014 letter regarding the Minnesota 2014 Impaired Waters List. EPA will consider your concerns in our review of Minnesota's final 2014 303(d) list.

As you are aware, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) submitted a 2014 303(d)/305(b) package to EPA on April 15, 2014. As discussed on MPCA's webpage (http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/minnesotas-impaired-waters-and-tmdls/impaired-waters-list.html), and as communicated to EPA, MPCA is committed to assessing waters with respect to its sulfate standard that protects water used for production of wild rice, and plans to provide the results of the wild rice sulfate standard assessments and any associated listings and public notice information to EPA in an addendum to the 2014 303(d) Impaired Water List. These efforts are ongoing.

EPA has initiated review of the documents provided by MPCA. In light of the above, however, EPA considers the State's April 15, 2014 submittal to be a partial 303(d) submittal. EPA will complete its review of Minnesota's 303(d) list pursuant to 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2) upon MPCA's submittal of the wild rice addendum.

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

Sincerely,

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