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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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September 2, 2020

Angela Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed its review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for segments within the Laughery Creek Watershed (LCW), including support documentation and follow up information. The LCW encompasses three counties in southeastern Indiana. The TMDLs address recreational use impairments due to bacteria (*E. coli*) and aquatic life use impairments attributed to dissolved oxygen, impaired biotic communities and nutrients.

The LCW 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 Indiana's twenty (20) bacteria (*E. coli*), one (1) nutrient (total phosphorus) and nine (9) sediment (total suspended sediment) TMDLs. EPA describes Indiana's compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements in the enclosed decision document.

EPA acknowledges Indiana's efforts in submitting these TMDLs and looks forward to future TMDL submissions by the State of Indiana. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Proto, at 312-353-8657.

Sincerely,

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