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Ms. Tinka Hyde
Director
Water Division
USEPA, Region 5 (W-15J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: 2010 Integrated Report

Dear Ms. Hyde:

Enclosed please find a CD copy of our final "*Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List - 2010*" (2010 IR) for your review and approval.

The 2010 IR, associated Appendix Tables (including our Responsiveness Summary to a public hearing held in Springfield on April 29, 2010), and our 2010 Assessment Database (ADB) are enclosed. Additionally, because of file size, all associated GIS coverage files will be sent to you by e-mail today via the Agency's "Illinois.gov File Transfer Link" web site.

Since the release of the draft 2010 Integrated Report, as you know, IEPA and Region 5 staff have had many discussions in order to fully understand each agency's issues regarding IEPA assessment and listing methodologies, particularly as it applies to potential impairments due to nutrients. There was mutual agreement that, at this point, the most productive approach would be to submit the 2010 Integrated Report for USEPA's final action and to revise methodologies and listing/de-listing approaches for use in the 2012 Integrated Report. IEPA will continue to collaborate with Region 5 to accomplish this with a mutually acceptable outcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean Studer or Gregg Good at the phone number listed above, or email them at Dean.Studer@illinois.gov and Gregg.Good@illinois.gov, respectively.

I look forward to your approval of the 2010 IR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia T. Willhite".

Marcia T. Willhite
Chief
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