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Mr. Richard Leopold
Director
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Henry A. Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
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Dear Mr. Leopold:

Re: Approval of an Iowa TMDL

This letter responds to the submission from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) originally received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 on July 7, 2006, for a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document which contains a TMDL for nitrate. Cedar River was identified on the 1998 Iowa §303(d) list as impaired. This submission fulfills the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairment (water body segment and pollutant) is:

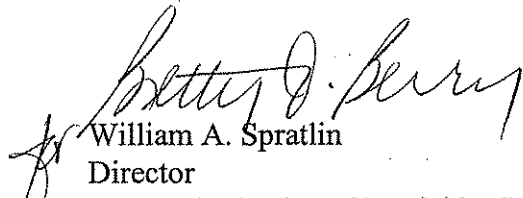
Water Body Name	WBID	TMDL pollutant
Cedar River	IA 02-CED-0030_2	Nitrate

EPA has completed its review of the TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL. Enclosed with this letter are the Region 7 TMDL Decision Documents which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that IDNR has put into this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by IDNR to develop remaining TMDLs.

If you have any questions, please contact John Reyna, of my staff, at
(913)551-7021.

Sincerely,


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