

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III** 1650 Arch Street

## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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The Honorable Randy C. Huffman, Secretary West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E. Charleston, West Virginia 25304

Dear Secretary Huffman:

With this letter, I am transmitting to you the final list of water bodies that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adding to West Virginia's 2012 list of water quality limited segments pursuant to Clean Water Act, Section 303(d), and 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2). Enclosure 1 identifies the water bodies added by EPA.

On March 25, 2013 EPA took action on West Virginia's 2012 Section 303(d) List, partially approving and partially disapproving West Virginia's submission of its list of waters pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. Consistent with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and its implementing regulations, EPA provided public notice and solicited public comment on its identification of additional water bodies for inclusion on West Virginia's 2012 Section 303(d) List. Enclosure 2 summarizes comments received and EPA's response. Based on comments received, including comments submitted by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), EPA's final list of water bodies reflects a determination to remove eight waters from EPA's proposed list, add one water, and revise the reach of four waters.

By separate action, EPA will approve WVDEP's recommendation, submitted with WVDEP's comments on EPA's proposed list of waters, to remove twelve waters previously identified on prior Section 303(d) lists due to more recent sampling data demonstrating those waters are no longer impaired.

If you have any questions, please do not he sitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Mark Ferrell, EPA's West Virginia Liaison, at (304) 542-0231.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Garvin

Regional Administrator

**Enclosures** 

cc: Mr. Scott Mandirola (WVDEP)