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Mr. Gary Gill
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Subject: Approval of Hawaii's 2008/2010 Section 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Gill:

Thank you for submitting Hawaii's 2008/2010 integrated water quality monitoring and assessment report containing the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of water quality-limited water bodies and the Section 305(b) report. The submittal was received on May 17, 2012. A revised copy containing minor corrections of inadvertent errors was submitted on July 5, 2012 and received on July 11, 2012. Based on review of the final submittal, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that Hawaii's 2008/2010 list of water quality-limited segments still requiring TMDLs meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations; therefore, EPA hereby approves Hawaii's 2008/2010 Section 303(d) list.

Hawaii's 2008/2010 303(d) list submittal includes a total of 204 impaired marine water segments and 91 impaired stream segments. The listings are based on an assessment methodology described in the submittal. Priority rankings for all listed waters are established as required by Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations (40 CFR §130.7). Twenty-five high priority waterbodies are targeted for TMDL development.

The public participation process sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) included a solicitation of public comment through its website and newspaper advertisements. The comment period, which was extended for a total of 79 days, ended on January 31, 2012. HDOH responded to all comments received on the 2008/2010 Section 303(d) list.

Thank you for submitting the 2008/2010 Integrated Report of Water Quality. If you have questions concerning EPA's decision, feel free to call me at (415) 972-3409 or contact Sara Roser at (415) 972-3513.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Woo".

Nancy Woo
Acting Director, Water Division

cc: Alec Wong, HDOH