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Mr. Gary Gill  
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Subject: Approval of Hawaii's 2012 Section 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Gill:

Thank you for submitting Hawaii's 2012 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report containing the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list of water quality-limited water bodies and the Section 305(b) report. The submittal was received on September 3, 2013. Based on review of the final submittal, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that Hawaii's 2012 list of water quality-limited segments still requiring TMDLs meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the CWA and EPA's implementing regulations; therefore, EPA hereby approves Hawaii's 2012 CWA Section 303(d) list.

Hawaii's 2012 303(d) list submittal includes a total of 225 impaired marine water segments and 88 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 CWA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR §130.7). Twenty-two 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 lasted for a total of 55 days, ended on February 15, 2013. HDOH responded to all comments received on the 2012 CWA Section 303(d) list.

If you have questions concerning EPA's decision, feel free to call me at (415) 972-3275 or contact Sara Roser at (415) 972-3513. We look forward to working with you on the 2014 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Diamond".

Jane Diamond  
Director, Water Division

cc: Alec Wong, HDOH