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Mr. Keith Kawaoka
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Subject: Approval of Hawaii's 2018 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

Dear Mr. Kawaoka:

Thank you for submitting Hawaii's 2018 Clean Water Act (CWA) 303(d) List of Impaired Waters (2018 List). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approves all water quality limited segments (WQLS) and associated pollutants identified by the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) as requiring a total maximum daily load under CWA section 303(d). The legal requirements and the rationale for the approval are enclosed.

HDOH's public process for developing the 2018 List is consistent with the procedural requirements of the CWA section 303(d) and its implementing regulations, including 40 CFR § 130.7(c)(1). The priority WQLS rankings in Chapter 3 of the 2018 List comport with 40 CFR § 130.7(b) requirements and offer an appropriate framework for HDOH's future total maximum daily load development.

I value the collaboration between our two agencies and look forward to continuing our partnership to protect Hawaii's waters. If you have questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3337 or refer staff to Daniel Oros of the Water Quality Assessment Section at (415) 972-3583.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tomás Torres".

August 16, 2018

Tomás Torres
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Alec Wong, HDOH