Keith E. Kawaoka, Deputy Director for Environmental Health  
State of Hawaii, Environmental Health Administration  
1250 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Waiekele Stream Watershed Turbidity, Total Nitrogen and Nitrite+Nitrate Nitrogen Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Dear Mr. Kawaoka:

I am pleased to approve the subject TMDLs consistent with the requirements of section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. Part 130.7(c)(1). Supported by robust science and stakeholder outreach, Hawaii has clearly identified TMDLs for turbidity, total nitrogen and nitrite+nitrate nitrogen in the Waiekele Stream Watershed.

The TMDL analysis describes the applicable water quality standards, sources of the pollutants, and quantifies their contribution to the impairment. The analysis includes appropriate numeric targets and linkage calculations, provides reasonable load and waste load allocations to protect the designated uses, and sets reasonable and appropriate TMDLs. EPA’s evaluation of the TMDLs is further described in the attached checklist.

I look forward to our continued partnership to advance water quality improvements in the Waiekele Stream Watershed. Please call me if you would like to discuss further, or your staff may contact Daniel Oros at (415) 972-3583 for specific questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tomás Torres  
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Alec Wong, HDOH Clean Water Branch  
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