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Mr. Greg Aldrich, Acting Director
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Re: Final Additions to Oregon's 2010 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Aldrich:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed its review of public comments regarding the EPA's proposed additions to Oregon's 2010 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (List) and made a final decision to add 870 water quality limited segments/pollutant pairs to Oregon's 2010 List.

On March 15, 2012, the EPA partially approved and partially disapproved Oregon's 2010 303(d) list consistent with the requirements of Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) and 40 CFR 130.7. As required by the EPA regulations at 40 CFR §130.7(d)(2), the Agency conducted its own assessment and identified 1004 water quality limited segment/pollutant pairs not meeting the state's water quality standards and accepted public comment on the proposed additions between March 15, 2012 and April 30, 2012.

After considering comments received from the public, the EPA is adding 870 water quality limited segment/pollutant pairs to Oregon's 2010 List. Enclosed are: 1) the final list of additional water quality limited segment/pollutant pairs to add to Oregon's 2010 303(d) list; 2) the decision rationale which provides further explanation of the EPA's decision on this action; and 3) a detailed response to public comments. ODEQ must add these additional water quality limited segment/pollutant pairs to its long-term schedule for TMDL development.

In the future, the EPA expects ODEQ will:

- use a sediment listing methodology such as the EPA used for its additions to Oregon's 2010 List;
- develop and use listing methodologies for narrative water quality standards;
- include all biological impairments in Category 5;
- assess all water quality standards, including narrative and numeric criterion, designated uses, and antidegradation on all waters in Oregon; and
- solicit and gather all existing and readily available information regarding water quality, including reviewing information in STORET (now WQX) and other readily accessible federal databases and information sources such as human health and ecological risk assessments, and other available information from Superfund, RCRA, or state hazardous substances cleanup sites.

We look forward to working with you on the development of the Oregon 2012 List and other efforts to address water quality issues in the State. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Gable, Impaired Waters Program Coordinator at (206) 553-2582, or Dave Croxton, Watershed Unit Manager at (206) 553-6694.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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