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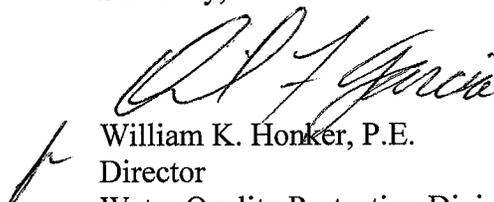
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Peggy Hatch
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313

Dear Ms. Hatch:

On May 9, 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice in the Federal Register at Volume 78, Number 90, pages 27233-27234 partially approving Louisiana's 2012 § 303(d) List and soliciting public comment on the proposed disapproval of Louisiana's decisions not to list three coastal waterbodies west of the Mississippi River mouth (segments 120806, 070601 and 021102). These segments were proposed for addition to the list by EPA because the applicable numeric water quality standards marine criterion for dissolved oxygen was not attained in three coastal segments. EPA has reviewed the commenter's responses and finds no new information or persuasive arguments as to why the three coastal segments should not be added to the 2012 Louisiana § 303(d) List as proposed. Therefore, EPA is taking Final Action on the addition of coastal segments 120806, 070601, and 021102 and pollutants to the final Louisiana 2012 § 303(d) List. EPA's response to submitted comments is available on the agency's website (<http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/tmdl/index.htm#303dlists>). Again, thank you for your efforts in developing the 2012 Louisiana § 303(d) List. If you have questions on any of the above information, feel free to give me a call at 214-665-7101 or call Rob Cook at (214) 665-7141.

Sincerely,


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