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Samuel Unger
Executive Officer
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles *Region*
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Dear Mr. Unger:

Thank you for submitting the Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No.R4-2012-0003 *Requiring the City of Long Beach to take remedial action to reduce copper loading to El Dorado Park Lakes pursuant to California Water Code Section 13304 in order to implement a Total Maximum Daily Load for copper.* Based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's review of the TMDL submittal under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d), I have concluded the TMDLs for the southern two lakes of the chain of six lakes known as "El Dorado Park Lakes" adequately address the pollutants of concern and, upon implementation, will result in attainment of the applicable water quality standards for copper. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to CWA section 303(d)(2).

EPA received the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's complete TMDL package for approval on February 28, 2012. The TMDLs include waste load and load allocations as needed, take into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provide an adequate margin of safety. The State has provided adequate opportunities for public review and comment on the TMDLs, and demonstrated how public comments were considered in the final TMDLs.

The TMDL submittal contains a detailed plan for implementing the TMDLs. Current federal regulations do not define TMDLs as containing implementation plans; therefore, EPA is not taking action on the implementation plan provided with these TMDLs. However, EPA concurs with the State's proposed implementation approaches.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3572 or Valentina Cabrera-Stagno at (415) 972-3434.

Sincerely,

Alexis Strauss 20 March 2012

Alexis Strauss
Director, Water Division