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Mr. Paul M. Currier, P.E. Administrator Watershed Management Bureau Department of Environmental Services P. O. Box 95 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Dear Mr. Currier:

Thank you for the Department of Environmental Services, Watershed Management Bureau's letter dated July 2, 2004, requesting to incorporate sections 20 and 44 of Senate Bill 534 through routine program change to the New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP).

After analysis of this submittal, we have concluded that sections 20 and 44 of Senate Bill 534 which transferred the NHCP from the Office of Energy and Planning to the Department of Environmental Services, effective July 1, 2004, does not alter substantially any enforceable policies or authorities of the NHCP related to the factors in 15 CFR §923.84. Therefore, we approve the incorporation of sections 20 and 44 of Senate Bill 534, pursuant to 15 CFR §923.84. (Sections 20 and 44 of Senate Bill 534 will be codified in various sections of New Hampshire's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) and the RSA text changes will be submitted to OCRM at a later date.)

On the date of publication of the public notice by the State of New Hampshire required by 15 CFR §923.84, Federal consistency shall apply to this change. Please provide this office with a copy of this public notice.

Should you have any questions, please call Masi Okasaki at (301) 713-3155 extension 185.

Sincerely

John King, Chief Coastal Programs Division



