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Ted Diers, Administrator Watershed Management Bureau N.H. Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Mr. Diers,

Thank you very much for your letter dated April 12, 2021 requesting EPA approval to submit a combined cycle 2020-2022 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters.

As you note in your letter, EPA has made it a priority for the states to submit their 2022 303(d) lists by the regulatory deadline of April 1, 2022. EPA's program office has encouraged Regions and states to use the development of combined cycle lists, where appropriate, to facilitate states' submission of their 2022 lists by that deadline.

The EPA Region 1 303(d) program has closely examined the justification described in your letter for combining New Hampshire's 2020 and 2022 lists. We understand the challenges involved in submitting the 2020 list and the benefits of combining it with the 2022 submission.

EPA Region 1 is pleased to approve your request to combine the State's 2020 and 2022 303(d) lists to help facilitate their submission by April 1, 2022. We appreciate the significant effort the Watershed Management Bureau puts into the development of the lists and we look forward to working with you staff on the upcoming lists' review and approval.

Sincerely,

Steven Winnett, Regional 303(d) Program Coordinator

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