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Mr. Jan Mandrup-Poulsen
Environmental Administrator
Watershed Assessment Section
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Dear Mr. Mandrup-Poulsen:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the statutory requirements of the Clean Water Act, Section 303(d) have been met and therefore approves the Mercury Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for 441 waterbodies, which are identified in the enclosed list.

The EPA understands that after this TMDL becomes effective, if new water segments are listed for mercury fish tissue impairment, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will determine the conditions causing the new listing. If the listing is caused by conditions addressed in this TMDL, FDEP will submit the segments to the EPA for approval under the statewide mercury TMDL. If the listing is caused by conditions that are not covered in the statewide mercury TMDL, such as local emission or effluent sources that are not addressed in this TMDL, FDEP will develop a TMDL to address those conditions. The enclosed TMDL Decision Document summarizes the elements of the review that were found to support the EPA's approval of the TMDLs. The TMDL Document ID is 53320.

If you have any comments or questions relating to the approval of the TMDLs or the enclosed TMDL Decision Document, please contact me at (404) 562-9345 or have a member of your staff contact Ms. Tara Levine Houda of my staff at (404) 562-9762.

Sincerely,

James D. Giattina
Director
Water Protection Division

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Enclosures **WATERSHED EVALUATION
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