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Mr. Daniel Opalski
Director, Water Division
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RE: Submittal of Oregon's 2018/2020 Integrated Report

Dear Mr. Opalski:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to submit Oregon's 2018/2020 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL to EPA for review and approval. In 2016, DEQ undertook a major effort to update and improve the robustness of its Integrated Report methodology, address longstanding issues, and conform to EPA's new reporting requirements. This is Oregon's first submittal based on the significantly improved methodology and process. DEQ developed this list by issuing a call for data in June 2018 and evaluating available data and information to assess water quality. DEQ prepared a draft 2018/2020 Section 303(d) list and provided the public an opportunity to review and comment on the list from September 30, 2019 through 5:00 PM January 6, 2020. After reviewing comments, DEQ finalized the 303(d) list. DEQ includes with this electronic submittal:

- Oregon's 2018/2020 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL (Excel spreadsheet - attached);
- Waters De-listed in 2018/2020 (Excel spreadsheet);
- Oregon's Crosswalk to the 2012 303(d) List (Excel spreadsheet - attached);
- Oregon's 2018/2020 Integrated Report (submitted through ATTAINS);
- Oregon's 2018/2020 TMDL Priorities and Schedule (submitted through ATTAINS);
- Methodology for Oregon's 2018 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters (attached and through ATTAINS);
- Summary of public process (attached);
- Response to Comments on Oregon's Draft 2018/2020 Integrated Report (attached and through ATTAINS); and Comments Received (submitted through ATTAINS)

The database reports and supporting documents are also available on DEQ's website at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/Pages/2018-Integrated-Report.aspx>

DEQ would like to take this opportunity to thank EPA staff member Jill Fullagar, Watershed Management Unit Manager Dave Croxton, and Standards and Assessment Unit Manager Hanh Shaw for their valuable input and support throughout this process. We would also like to

acknowledge Dwane Young for his funding and support for making DEQ's Integrated Report data infrastructure improvements a reality.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please call Becky Anthony at (503) 378-5319.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Wigal".

Jennifer Wigal
Deputy WQ Administrator

Attachment
Enclosures

cc: Jill Fullagar, Assessment Program Coordinator, Standards and Assessment Section,
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Becky Anthony, DEQ Water Quality Assessment Program Coordinator - with attachment
and enclosures