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Mat Martinson
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RE: Submittal of Oregon's 2024 Integrated Report

Dear Mr. Martinson:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to submit Oregon's 2024 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Impaired Waters Needing a TMDL to EPA for review and approval.

The 2024 Integrated Report continues to build on the significant improvements DEQ has made to foundation for assessing water quality, reporting units and publishing findings to a diverse audience. DEQ developed this list by assessing readily available data and information submitted to DEQ by the public. In addition to the general reporting, this assessment includes four new pollutants DEQ evaluated in the 2024 Integrated Report: ocean acidification, marine hypoxia, aquatic trash and perfluorooctane sulfonate PFOS. The 2024 Integrated Report is the first time that DEQ assessed the ocean water quality for ocean acidification and hypoxia.

DEQ held a robust public process for this cycle, issuing two calls for data in February and June of 2023, each for 60 days and evaluated available data and information to assess water quality. DEQ prepared a draft 2024 Integrated Report for public comment that included the Section 303(d) list. The public comment period was from April 18, 2024, through July 1, 2024. After reviewing comments and making needed updates, DEQ finalized the 303(d) list. DEQ includes with this electronic submittal:

- Oregon's 2024 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Impaired Waters Needing a TMDL (attached and through ATTAINS)
- Waters De-listed in 2024 (attached and through ATTAINS)
- Oregon's 2024 Integrated Report (submitted through ATTAINS)
- Oregon's 2024 TMDL Priorities and Schedule (submitted through ATTAINS)
- Assessment Mehodology for Oregon's 2024 Integrated Report (attached and through ATTAINS)

- Summary of public process (attached and through ATTAINS)
- Response to Comments on Oregon's Draft 2024 Integrated Report (attached and through ATTAINS); and Comments Received (submitted through ATTAINS)

The database reports and supporting documents are also available on DEQ's <u>Proposed Integrated Report web page</u> at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/deg/wg/Pages/proposedIR.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/deg/wg/Pages/proposedIR.aspx</a>

DEQ would like to take this opportunity to thank EPA staff member Jill Fullagar and Standards and Assessment Unit Manager Becky Garnett for their valuable input and support throughout this process.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please call Lesley Merrick at 971-323-7228.

Sincerely,

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Attachement Enclosures

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