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October 2, 2025

Ms. Martha Clark Mettler, Assistant Commissioner
Office of Water Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Clark Mettler:

Thank you for your August 18, 2025, letter and enclosure summarizing the results of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) 2024 review of Indiana's water quality standards in accordance with Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed the IDEM's materials and with this letter confirms that Indiana has met the minimum requirements for triennial reviews at CWA Section 303(c)(1) and EPA regulations at 40 CFR 131.20, which incorporate the public participation requirements of 40 CFR Part 25. These requirements together include:

- Holding at least one public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the applicable water quality standards (40 CFR 131.20(a));
- Re-examining any waterbody segment with water quality standards that do not include the uses specified in Section 101(a)(2) of the CWA (40 CFR 131.20(a));
- Providing public notice of the hearing to all interested and affected parties and widely publicizing the public notice (40 CFR 25.5); and
- Recording the hearing and making it available to anyone who requests it (40 CFR 25.5).

Indiana's triennial review process identified "priorities for rulemaking to update water quality standards." Indiana did not adopt any revisions to its water quality standards as a result of its triennial review process and, thus, there are no new or revised state water quality standards that the EPA is required to review under Section 303(c) of the CWA at this time. As the state moves forward with implementing this prioritized workplan, the EPA will evaluate any new or revised water quality standards adopted by Indiana for consistency with Section 303(c) of the CWA and 40 CFR Part 131, as appropriate.

If your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Aaron Johnson of my staff at (312) 886-6845 or johnson.aaronk@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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