Ms. Martha Clark Mettler  
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Re: EPA Action on Indiana’s 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 Section 303(d) Lists

Dear Ms. Clark Mettler:

Thank you for your submission of Indiana’s 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 Integrated Reports under Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of Clean Water Act (CWA). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received the Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s (IDEM) submissions on December 28, 2012, September 29, 2015, February 23, 2017, and August 17, 2018, respectively. EPA has consolidated its review and is today taking action on Indiana’s 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 Section 303(d) list submissions.

EPA has concluded that Indiana has met the requirements of Section 303(d) and 40 C.F.R 130.7(b) with regard to all the waters listed by the State, which are identified in Table 1 of Enclosures 3, 4, 5, and 6. Therefore, EPA is approving the State's decision to list these waters. EPA is taking no action at this time with regard to certain water segment listings for metals causes of impairment for the 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 listing cycles. EPA is committed to working with the State to resolve these issues. Details of EPA's action are provided in Enclosure 1.

IDEM’s Integrated Reports also include updated priority rankings of Indiana’s impaired waters. EPA finds that IDEM’s discussions of prioritization of its waters for total maximum daily load (TMDL) development satisfy the requirement to submit a priority ranking. See 40 C.F.R. 130.7(b)(4).
Thank you for your efforts in developing Indiana’s Integrated Reports. EPA will contact IDEM next week to discuss a mutually acceptable time to renew our discussions on the metals issue with the goal of identifying a path forward that leads to a future full approval of Indiana’s Section 303(d) lists. If you would like to discuss this action further, please contact me at (312) 353-5425, or your staff may contact Mr. David Pfeifer, Acting Chief, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at (312) 353-9024.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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