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Deborah Markowitz, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
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Dear Secretary Markowitz:

EPA is pleased to transmit to you the final Phosphorus TMDLs for the Vermont Segments of Lake Champlain. EPA has established these TMDLs pursuant to 40 CFR §130.7(d)(2). According to that same regulation, when EPA establishes TMDLs, the Regional Administrator is to transmit them to the State for incorporation into Vermont's current Water Quality Management plan, (also referred to as Vermont's Surface Water Management Strategy) along with the rest of the Vermont's approved TMDLs.

The final document represents an enormous effort by many at EPA, the Agency of Natural Resources, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Agency of Transportation. It also reflects collaboration between federal and state government at its very best.

EPA recognizes the enormity of the task ahead in implementing all the measures it will take to meet the new TMDL targets and it is important for the state to stay focused on robust implementation of the TMDL in the years ahead in order to achieve water quality standards across the Lake. EPA will do its best to support the Vermont agencies as you move forward with implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Curtis Spalding", written over a large, light-colored scribble or mark.

H. Curtis Spalding
Regional Administrator

cc: Alyssa Schuren, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
Chuck Ross, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets