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Steven M. Pirner, Secretary  
Department of Environment & Natural Resources  
Joe Foss Building  
523 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES,  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Re: TMDL Approvals

*Big Sioux River; SD-BS-R-BIG\_SIOUX\_03*

*Willow Creek; SD-BS-R-WILLOW\_01*

*Stray Horse Creek; SD-BS-R-STRAYHORSE\_01*

*Hidewood Creek; SD-BS-R-HIDEWOOD\_01*

Dear Mr. Pirner:

We have completed our review of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) as submitted by your office for the waterbodies listed in the enclosure to this letter. In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et. seq.*), we approve all aspects of the TMDLs as developed for the water quality limited waterbodies as described in Section 303(d)(1). Based on our review, we feel the separate elements of the TMDLs listed in the enclosed table adequately address the pollutants of concern as given in the table, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Some of the TMDLs listed in the enclosed table may be for waters not found on the State's current Section 303(d) waterbody list. EPA understands that such waters would have been included on the list had the state been aware, at the time the list was compiled, of the information developed in the context of calculating these TMDLs. This information demonstrates that the non-listed water is in fact a water quality limited segment in need of a TMDL. The state need not include these waters that have such TMDLs associated with them on its next Section 303(d) list for the pollutant covered by the TMDL.



Thank you for submitting these TMDLs for our review and approval. If you have any questions, the most knowledgeable person on my staff is Vern Berry and may be reached at (303) 312-6234.

Sincerely,



*for* Carol L. Campbell  
Acting Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Ecosystems Protection  
and Remediation

Enclosures