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Dear Dr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the final document *Total Maximum Daily Load for Temperature on Black Canyon Creek.* Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDL listed above meets the requirements found in section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. EPA is therefore pleased to approve the TMDL load contained in this document. EPA also acknowledges that this loading will be incorporated as an update to the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan. Please note that while included in the NMED submittal, an implementation plan is not required by current regulations and this approval does not address the existence or the adequacy of any implementation plan contained within this submission.

We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing this TMDL. If you would like to discuss this approval, please contact me or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Becker
Acting Director
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosure