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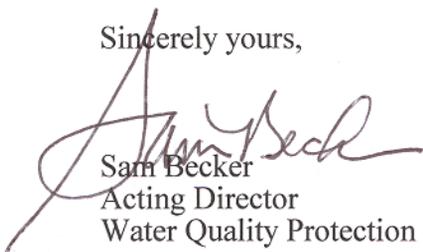
James H. Davis, Ph.D.,  
Chief, Surface Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Dr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the final document *Middle Rio Grande Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Fecal Coliform* (Subsegments 20.6.4.105 and 20.6.4.106). Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs listed above meet the requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. The EPA is, therefore, pleased to approve the TMDL loadings contained in this document. The EPA also acknowledges that these loadings will be incorporated as updates 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 these TMDLs. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me at (214) 665-7101 or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours,

  
Sam Becker  
Acting Director  
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosure