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Re: Submission of Utah's 2016 Final Integrated Report

Dear Mr. McGrath,

The Utah Division of Water Quality is pleased to present the 2016 Final Integrated Report (IR) on the status of Utah's waters for your official approval. The enclosed data package includes the report chapters outlining the assessment methods, 305(b) statewide assessment of rivers and lakes, 303(d) list of impaired waters, a list of proposed delisting's, a list of approved Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), GIS coverage of the 2016 assessment results, and additional report chapters on the Narrative Standard Assessment of Recreational Use Support in Lakes and Reservoirs, an Evaluation of Harmful Algal Bloom Data in Farmington Bay, Great Salt Lake, and a Draft Assessment Methods for High Frequency Data. All of this information has undergone a 90-day public comment period of review. As part of our submission package we have included the comments we received during the public comment period and our responses to these comments. Since time is of the essence to approve the IR, we are also submitting electronic versions of the IR results for the inclusion in the Assessment Database (ADB).

Over the past two years our staff has worked closely with your Monitoring and Assessment Coordinator, Karl Hermann and your Total Maximum Daily Load Coordinator, Julie Kinsey to develop this report. We would like to express our appreciation for their support and guidance.

Sincerely

Walter L. Baker, P.E.

Enclosures

cc: Karl Hermann, EPA Region 8