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Office of the Regional Administrator

The Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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Dear Governor Jindal:

Thank you for your letter of October 12, 2012, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency submitting Louisiana's updated 2012 Nonpoint Source Management Plan. The EPA appreciates the combined efforts of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in preparing this update. As required by Clean Water Act § 319(d), our review concluded that the NPS Management Plan is consistent with CWA § 319(a) and (b), and is hereby approved. In addition, this update satisfies 40.CFR § 130.6(C)(4), as an update to the Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan.

The state proposes to use a balanced approach of targeted monitoring, watershed planning and statewide initiatives to effectively address NPS impairments. Louisiana is to be complimented on the quality of the NPS Management Plan and its prescribed approach to restore water quality in at least 40 priority watersheds by 2016, representing more than 25 percent of the state's NPS impaired water bodies. In addition, we strongly support the state's commitment to submit a minimum of three success stories per year to document water quality restoration.

The commitments and goals outlined in this plan will not be easily implemented, but I am confident the path to restoring water quality will be successful with the dedication and partnership of federal, state and local governments.

I look forward to the continued cooperation between our agencies. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2100, or your staff may contact Mr. Brad Lamb, Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator, at (214) 665-6683.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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