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Ms. Kylene Olson
Executive Director
Chippewa River Watershed Partnership
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RE: Chippewa River Implementation Plan

Dear Ms. Olson:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has reviewed your recently submitted implementation plan for the Chippewa River Turbidity Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). We find the water quality improvement activities described in the plan to be reasonable and consistent with the TMDL study. As such, we hereby approve the implementation plan.

As noted in the plan: *The turbidity and bacteria impairments in the Chippewa River are long-standing problems that will require long-term management.* The implementation plan is part of a greater *One Water Strategy* that is being developed for the entire Chippewa River watershed. This strategy will promote further and better understanding of appropriate land management according to the progress in research, inventory work, and monitoring. Thus, implementation of best management practices in the Chippewa River watershed will be an adaptive process. Addendums and revisions to the plan are anticipated and necessary.

We appreciate your continued partnership in addressing surface water issues in the Chippewa River Basin.

Sincerely,

Wayne Cords

This document has been electronically signed.

Wayne Cords
Manager, Southeast Region
Watershed Division

cc: Jason Beckler, Board of Water and Soil Resource
Pete Waller, Board of Water and Soil Resource
Paul Wymar, MPCA

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