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VIA EMAIL

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Mr. Soorus:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has completed their review of the July 2020, Little Manistee River Watershed Management Plan and deemed it approvable under Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act. Accordingly, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) staff is pleased to hereby approve the Little Manistee River plan for the purposes of the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.

Congratulations on preparing a well-written document that provides a thorough approach for implementing actions needed to protect the watershed's water quality. The document does a good job of addressing the water quality issues in a rural watershed where water quality protection is the focus. The plan is thorough, well-written, and the numerous photos are helpful in providing visual information and issue context. The efforts of the Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council, your contractors, and your partners, to preserve and protect Michigan's surface water resources are appreciated.

The USEPA did not have any comments on the plan, so no additional revisions are needed. We have an electronic copy of the July 2020 plan, but need two printed copies, including all appendices, for our files. Once the final plan is printed, please mail two copies to Mr. Greg Goudy at the Cadillac office address on this letter. There is no need to provide an additional electronic file unless additional changes are made to the final document.

If you have questions about the Section 319 plan approval, please contact Mr. Greg Goudy by phone at 231-876-4472; by email at [goudyg@michigan.gov](mailto:goudyg@michigan.gov); or you may contact me directly by phone at 231-429-0982; or email at [jankowskib@michigan.gov](mailto:jankowskib@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

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