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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: WQ-16J

Martha Clark Mettler, Deputy Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Clark Mettler:

Thank you for your letter of July 20, 2012, submitting Indiana's revised water quality standards to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The revisions to the rules consist of changes to Indiana's antidegradation policy and implementation procedures.

As specified in 40 CFR 131.21, EPA is required to review and approve new and revised water quality standards. EPA has reviewed Indiana's antidegradation rules and the supporting information provided by Indiana. EPA approves under section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) the following new and revised water quality standards submitted by Indiana:

- **327 IAC 2-1.3-1 Applicability of antidegradation standards and implementation procedures.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.3-2 Definitions.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.3-3 Antidegradation Standard.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.3-4 Exemptions from the antidegradation demonstration requirements and the water quality improvement project or payment to the OSRW improvement fund requirements.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.3-5 Antidegradation demonstration.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.3-6 Commissioner's determination.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.3-7 Water quality improvement project or payment to the OSRW improvement fund.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.5-6 Bioaccumulative chemicals of concern.**
- **327 IAC 2-1.5-18 Designation of a waterbody as a limited use water or an outstanding state resource water.**
- **327 IAC 5-2-11.2 Public notice of comment period and public meetings for site-specific modification of water quality criteria and values; an antidegradation demonstration; a water quality improvement project; an alternate mixing zone demonstration; a variance.**

The revisions to the existing rules submitted by Indiana identified below consist of editorial changes and/or changes to incorporate correct references to Indiana's new antidegradation rules.

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The revisions do not substantively change the rules affected. EPA reviewed Indiana's submittal and determined that these rules are not water quality standards and, therefore, do not require EPA approval under section 303(c) of the CWA:

- **327 IAC 5-2-12.1 Great Lakes systems dischargers; schedules of compliance.**
- **327 IAC 5-3-8 Fact sheet.**
- **327 IAC 15-2-6 Exclusions.**

If you have questions regarding this action, please contact David Pfeifer of my staff. Mr. Pfeifer may be reached at (312) 353-9024 or pfeifer.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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