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Mr. Kevin Pierard  
Acting Division Director  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5, W-15J  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

RE: High Island Creek and Rush River – Fecal Coliform  
Final Total Maximum Daily Load Study

Dear Mr. Pierard:

I am pleased to submit the High Island Creek and Rush River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study for fecal coliform to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for final approval. We are also including supporting documentation and information with this submittal, under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.

This TMDL Study is the product of significant public and stakeholder participation during its development, and was on public notice from July 21, 2008 - August 20, 2008. Public participation opportunities were provided during the project in the form of public open houses, news releases and a project newsletter. The project worked closely with a broad array of county, state, and individual stakeholders.

Approval of this TMDL Study is a critical step towards reducing the current level of pollutant loading in the Minnesota River Basin. We look forward to receiving EPA's decision document for approval of this TMDL Study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Moore  
Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: Scott MacLean, MPCA  
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