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Mr. Mark Klotz
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Dear Mr. Klotz:

On January 13, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partially approved and partially disapproved the New York State 2014 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters Requiring a Total Maximum Daily Load. On February 23, 2015, the EPA published a notice in the Federal Register (Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 35, pp. 9456-9457) announcing the partial approval/partial disapproval of New York's 2014 303(d) List and opening a public comment period on the EPA's proposed addition of Jones Inlet/Jones Bay to New York's 2014 303(d) List. After considering all submissions and in accordance with the Clean Water Act and EPA regulations and guidance, the EPA has concluded that current and available information indicates that New York State's narrative water quality standard for nutrients is exceeded in Jones Inlet/Jones Bay, and that 303(d) listing for this waterbody is therefore necessary.

The EPA is now taking final action to add Jones Inlet/Jones Bay (New York State Waterbody ID Number 1701-0373) to New York's 2014 303(d) List. For additional details on the EPA's rationale for this listing, please see the enclosed Response Summary, which addresses comments submitted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Gratz".

Jeff Gratz, Deputy Director
Clean Water Division

Enclosure