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Trevor Baggiore  
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Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
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Dear Mr. Baggiore:

Thank you for submitting Arizona's 2012/2014 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and supporting documentation pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d). We received the submittal on March 10, 2015 as well as supplemental information on May 21, 2015 and July 14, 2015.

EPA carefully reviewed the final submittal including the State's listing decisions, assessment methodology, supporting data and supplemental information. EPA finds that Arizona's 2012/2014 list of water quality limited segments requiring TMDLs meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations. Accordingly, pursuant to 40 CFR 130.7(d), EPA hereby approves each of the State's listings of water quality limited segments requiring a TMDL identified in the 2012/2014 303(d) List, Category 5 Waters.

We appreciate your inclusion of prioritization of water quality limited segments requiring TMDL development, as identified in Appendix G of Arizona's 2012/2014 Integrated 305(b) Assessment and 303(d) Listing Report. Your priority rankings meet the requirements of 40 CFR 130.7(b). We expect the prioritization will guide the State's future TMDL development efforts.

The public participation process provided by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality included several opportunities for the public to participate or submit written comments. The State's public participation activities were consistent with federal requirements.

If you have questions concerning this decision, please call me at (415) 972-3438, or Dave Guiliano at (415) 947-4133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Montgomery".

Michael Montgomery  
Acting Director, Water Division

cc: Krista Osterberg, ADEQ  
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