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Martin Suuberg, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection  
One Winter Street  
Boston, MA 02108


Re: Approval of the Tisbury Great Pond and Black Point Pond Estuarine System TMDL for Total Nitrogen

Dear Commissioner Suuberg:

Thank you for your Department's submittal of the TMDL analysis for Tisbury Great Pond and Black Point Pond Embayment System on July 22, 2019. We appreciate your efforts and involvement with our office to finalize this TMDL. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the document entitled "Final Tisbury Great Pond and Black Point Pond Embayment System Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Nitrogen", Control #398.1, August 2018 and it is my pleasure to approve the Total Nitrogen TMDL for Tisbury Great Pond and accompanying three protection TMDLs for hydrologically linked waterbodies. EPA has determined, as set forth in the enclosed review document, that this TMDL meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 130.

MassDEP's efforts will help restore water quality and prevent further degradation of this, and adjacent, waterbody segments. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the Massachusetts DEP in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Ralph Abele at (617) 918-1629 or have your staff contact Ivy Mlsna of my staff at (617) 918-1311.

Sincerely,

/s/ 

Kenneth Moraff, Director  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

Enclosure

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