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To: Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: EPA letter re. plan for TMDL
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Liz,

I have forwarded a copy of Administrator McCarthy's letter to David Mears. Please let me know if you think we should do additional follow-up from our office.

Lisa



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
109 State Street
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Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Shumlin:

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 2014, and for providing your Administration's Phase One Plan for the Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load to reduce phosphorus loads to the lake. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes that the Phase One Plan represents a significant effort by the state to develop a comprehensive approach to reduce phosphorus loads from varied sources throughout the Lake Champlain Basin. We look forward to receiving the detailed staffing and funding strategy that underlies the Plan later this year.

The EPA will conduct a detailed review of the Plan in the coming weeks. The regional office will be in touch with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation about the next steps and schedule for finalizing the TMDL. We share your commitment to protecting Lake Champlain for future generations and look forward to continuing to work with you to take the important steps needed to improve water quality in the lake.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at rupp.mark@epa.gov or at 202-564-7178.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy".

Gina McCarthy

