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Peter LaFlamme, Director
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Dear Mr. LaFlamme:

I am pleased to approve the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Management Program Plan for Vermont dated August 6, 2015, that your staff developed in response to guidelines for the Clean Water Act Section 319 grant program. Vermont's NPS program incorporates the key components for effective state NPS management programs referenced in the *Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines* (April 2013). Vermont's program includes meaningful goals and milestones, effective partnerships and a framework that ensures Section 319 funding, technical support and other resources (such as applicable state funding) will be directed to the State's highest priority water quality issues and NPS watershed projects.

Vermont's NPS program demonstrates a thoughtful and thorough approach to addressing NPS pollution at both the statewide and watershed levels.

We commend your staff, particularly Rick Hopkins and Kari Dolan for their exemplary work on updating Vermont's NPS management program. My staff in the NPS and Watersheds Unit look forward to assisting the State with your ongoing efforts to control and prevent NPS pollution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Moraff" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ken Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Rick Hopkins, VTDEC
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