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Ms. Linda Murphy
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Dear Ms. Murphy,

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation is pleased to provide the enclosed Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL as a final submittal for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency review and approval under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL is being jointly submitted by Vermont with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Lake Champlain includes the following nine lake segments listed on the Vermont Year 2000 List of Waters as "impaired waters," due to phosphorus pollution. Lake Champlain was given a high priority ranking on the Vermont Year 2000 List, with TMDL completion originally scheduled for 2001.

VT04-01L01	Otter Creek	VT05-04L01	Northeast Arm
VT04-01L02	Port Henry	VT05-07L01	St. Albans Bay
VT04-02L01	South Lake A	VT05-10L02	Main Lake
VT04-02L01	South Lake B	VT05-11L01	Shelburne Bay
VT05-01L01	Missisquoi Bay		

The TMDL document describes the public participation process conducted by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in developing the TMDL. A summary of public comments received on the Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL and Department responses to these comments will be provided to you in the near future under separate cover.

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We would like to thank the staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England Region for the technical review and assistance provided over the past two years as we developed the Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL. We look forward to your continued cooperation and assistance as we move forward to implement the phosphorus load reductions required by the TMDL.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Recchia

Christopher Recchia
Commissioner

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