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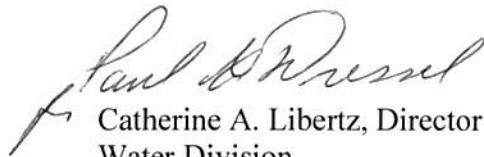
Dear Ms. Emery:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce the approval of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) 2019 Nonpoint Source Management Plan, submitted on October 03, 2019, in accordance with Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA §319). WVDEP has satisfied all conditions for program approval by incorporating the nine key elements pursuant to CWA §319 that characterize an effective and dynamic nonpoint source program.

Nonpoint source (NPS) water pollution is a growing threat to West Virginia's environment and public health. The 2019 Management Plan describes West Virginia's goals and activities during the next five years with regards to grant funding, project implementation, education, outreach, and partnerships to reduce NPS pollution. EPA applauds and fully supports the innovative and collaborative efforts and commitments of state, federal, and local agencies, as well as private organizations, to achieve nonpoint source reduction goals.

Your staff's efforts and commitment to developing the plan is appreciated and EPA looks forward to continued cooperation between our offices to track West Virginia's successes as the plan is implemented. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (215) 814-2737, or contact Leo Essenthier, Region 3 West Virginia NPS Program Manager, at (215) 814-5732 or Essenthier.leo@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


Catherine A. Libertz, Director
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