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Mr. Daniel Opalski
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RE: Submittal of Oregon's 2022 Integrated Report

Dear Mr. Opalski:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to submit Oregon's 2022 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL to EPA for review and approval. In 2016, DEQ undertook a major effort to update and improve the robustness of its Integrated Report methodology, address longstanding issues, and conform to EPA's new reporting requirements. This is Oregon's second submittal based on the significantly improved methodology and process. DEQ developed this list by incorporating more continuous datasets for an expanded set of parameters, adding expanded rationale for support of assessment conclusions, and providing more localized impairment information for watershed units. DEQ issued a call for data in February 2021 for 60 days and evaluated available data and information to assess water quality. DEQ prepared a draft 2022 Integrated Report for public comment that included the Section 303(d) list. The public comment period was from January 12, 2022, through February 11, 2022. After reviewing comments, DEQ finalized the 303(d) list. DEQ includes with this electronic submittal:

Oregon's 2022 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL (attached and through ATTAINS);
Waters De-listed in 2022 (attached and through ATTAINS);
Oregon's 2022 Integrated Report (submitted through ATTAINS);
Oregon's 2022 TMDL Priorities and Schedule (submitted through ATTAINS);
Methodology for Oregon's 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters (attached and through ATTAINS);
Summary of public process (attached and through ATTAINS);
Response to Comments on Oregon's Draft 2022 Integrated Report (attached and through ATTAINS); and Comments Received (submitted through ATTAINS)

The database reports and supporting documents are also available on DEQ's website at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/Pages/proposedIR.aspx>

DEQ would like to take this opportunity to thank EPA staff member Jill Fullagar and Standards and Assessment Unit Manager Hanh Shaw for their valuable input and support throughout this process.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please call Lesley Merrick at (971) 323-7228.

Sincerely,



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