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Yvette L.G. Cruz  
Acting Administrator  
Guam Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Acting Administrator Cruz:

Thank you for submitting Guam's 2016 Integrated Report containing the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies and the Section 305(b) assessment data for Guam's inventory of surface water bodies. EPA received the submittal on May 13, 2016. Based on review of the submittal, EPA has determined that Guam's 2016 list of water quality-limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the CWA and EPA's implementing regulations; therefore, EPA hereby approves Guam's 2016 Section 303(d) list.

Guam's 2016 303(d) list submittal includes 22 water body segments. The listings are based on an assessment methodology included with the submittal. Priority rankings for all listed waters are established as required by Section 303(d) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR § 130.7). Of the 22 listed water body segments, Tumon Bay is targeted as a high priority water body for TMDL development for several pollutants.

The public participation process sponsored by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) included a solicitation of public comment through newspaper announcements and online through the GEPA website. The 33-day public comment period ended on March 18, 2016. GEPA received no comments.

Thank you for the timely submittal of the final 2016 Section 303(d) list and the Section 305(b) report. EPA appreciates the work of your staff. If you have questions concerning EPA's decision, please feel free to contact me at (415) 972-3337 or refer staff to Dave Guiliano at (415) 947-4133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tomás Torres".

*for* Tomás Torres  
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Jesse Cruz, Administrator, EMAS