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Ms. Leah Groya  
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Dear Ms. Groya:

Thank you for submitting your watershed management plan titled "Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan" to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for review with respect to meeting criteria for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Section 319 program of the federal Clean Water Act. The efforts and support of the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds and your partners to preserve and protect Michigan's surface water resources are appreciated.

As you know, the Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan was previously approved on February 2, 2007, with respect to the criteria specified in the Administrative Rules for the Clean Michigan Initiative Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants.

Beginning in 2004, the EPA required that all implementation projects funded under Section 319 be supplemented by a watershed management plan that meets nine required elements as described in the EPA's document titled, "*Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories (October 23, 2003)*." Our review of the Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan, that we received on April 19, 2011, indicates that the plan meets the EPA criteria and it is hereby approved for the purposes of the federal Section 319 program.

Please note that DEQ watershed management plan approvals are only good for the effective life of the plan. In this case, the Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan describes actions that are proposed to be implemented over a 15-year period, after which an updated plan will likely need to be submitted to the DEQ for review and approval to maintain eligibility for both CMI and 319 funds. For information regarding funds that may be available in the DEQ's Nonpoint Source Grant Program, please monitor our web site at [www.michigan.gov/deqnonpointsourcepollution](http://www.michigan.gov/deqnonpointsourcepollution).

Thank you for your efforts in the development of this watershed management plan. The DEQ looks forward to assisting your organization with future efforts to implement this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hae-Jin Yoon', written in a cursive style.

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