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Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for submitting the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan (WPP), by email dated June 29, 2009. We have completed our review and are pleased to inform you that the WPP satisfies EPA's requirements outlined in the 2004 National Nonpoint Source Program Guidelines. Our congratulations to the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board in developing and supporting the necessary partnerships to complete this plan and to begin efforts to restore and protect water quality in the Plum Creek Watershed.

When revising the WPP during the next biannual review, we have enclosed an example chart that the State can use to link the WPP's proposed implementation measures and expected load reductions from current baseline water quality conditions. The example is one mechanism to graphically summarize the success of the WPP implementation efforts in gradually improving water quality, and can be used in the interim until the WPP is revised. Linking existing conditions with proposed actions are critical to improving the effectiveness and efficiency in restoring water quality. This could also be used to ultimately illustrate the successes of the Plum Creek restoration efforts by the partnerships and stakeholders.

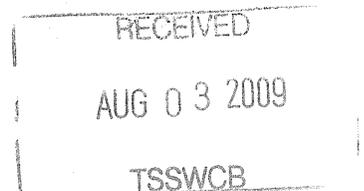
We look forward to continuing our partnership in developing and implementing watershed-based plans that restore water quality. If you have any questions please contact me, or have your staff contact Brad Lamb at (214) 665-6683, or you may email him at lamb.brad@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Hypothetical Loads and Reductions due to BMP Implementation Fecal Coliform in Tame Creek

