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Mr. William Shearn, Superintendent Raystown Lake
Allegheny Electric Cooperative
RD 1, Raystown Dam, PO Box 395
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Re: Low Impact Hydropower Certification

Dear Mr. Shearn:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) received a request from the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Raystown Dam, on May 8, 2006, to review their proposed application to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) for low impact certification. As part of the low impact certification process, state agencies are requested to comment on the operation of the facility and their regulatory compliance.

The Raystown Hydroelectric Generating Station was granted State Certification required under the Clean Water Act, Section 401, June 24, 1980. The Department's Section 401 review process concluded, "all necessary precautions have been considered and incorporated into the design of the facility, and this should insure minimal downstream impact on the water quality." A review of current data concluded the design and operation of the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Raystown Dam Hydropower Station is in compliance with the Section 401 certification and has maintained a minimum impact on water quality.

The Department recommends the Low Impact Hydropower Institute grant certification as a low impact facility to the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Raystown Dam Hydropower Station.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at 717-705-4799.

Sincerely,

James S. Spontak
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Watershed Management Program

cc: Mark Hartle, PFBC, Bureau of Fisheries
Fred Ayer, Low Impact Hydropower Institute
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