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Ms. Pamela Casebolt
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Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
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Dear Ms. Casebolt:

We have completed our review of the final Watershed Based Plan for the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed, addressing the Environmental Protection Agency's nine key elements for Section 319 funding. This version of the plan, dated August 2012, addresses EPA's comments on the draft Watershed-Based Plan (WBP) dated April 26, 2012.

EPA appreciates the leadership and guidance of the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership and the efforts of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board to prepare this WBP. This plan provides sufficient information to effectively address nonpoint source pollution in the watershed. We are happy to inform you that we consider this plan to be in compliance with EPA national guidance. We anticipate that this document will be continually refined as data collection continues and milestone reviews determine implementation progress and effectiveness.

Based on our acceptance of the WBP, the State of Texas is now eligible for CWA Section 319 funding for watershed implementation projects consistent with this WBP and the Texas NPS Management Program. If you or your staff have any questions regarding our review, please contact me at 214-665-6653, or you can contact Tina Hendon of my staff at 214-665-6619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane B. Watson".

Jane B. Watson, Ph.D.

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