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Dear Katie,

When Commissioner Mears was in the Senate Natural Resources committee yesterday, Senator Snelling asked for more information about the status of discussions with EPA about the Lake Champlain TMDL, the DEC / Agency of Agriculture proposed "Plan for Vermont," and EPA's response to the proposal. The following links provide more information on each of those topics:

- Here is the DEC / Agency of Ag "Plan for Vermont": http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/erp/champlain/docs/2013-11-20_DRAFT_Proposal_for_a_Clean_Lake_Champlain.pdf#zoom=100

- Here is EPA's response: http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/erp/champlain/docs/EPA_%20Final_Signed_Letter_to_Vermont_DEC_on_the_Draft_State_of_Vermont_Proposal_for_a_Clean_Lake_Champlain.pdf#zoom=100

- Finally, for background, here is the EPA page on the LC TMDL: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/tmdl/lakechamplain.html>

Also, I have attached two documents that detail, first how DEC's strategic priorities align with the Governor's strategic priorities, and second in a more streamlined way, DEC's strategic goals for 2013 - 2015.

Please let me know if we can provide any further information or testimony on these issues.

Best,
Trey