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Mr. William L. Crowell, Jr., PhD
Director
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Dear Dr. Crowell:

Thank you for your submission of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP) Communication and Engagement Plan, a supporting document to the 2025 Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves the APNEP Communication and Engagement Plan which is consistent with the current National Estuary Partnership Funding Guidance requirements and applicable existing executive orders.

The EPA recognizes the APNEP for its efforts to enhance the facilitation and implementation of the 2025 CCMP through the goals and objectives in this Communication and Engagement Plan. The EPA looks forward to our continued partnership and appreciates the impactful efforts of the APNEP staff and management conference to protect and restore the Albemarle-Pamlico watersheds.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or a member of my staff, Jennifer DiMaio at 404-562-9268 or dimaio.jennifer@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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