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Dear Readers,

Welcome to Volume 17, Issue 4 of the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law. To those of you who regularly look to our journal for novel ideas in environmental law, thank you for your continued loyalty and support. To those of you who may be coming across our journal for the first time, we hope we provide you with expert legal analysis and arguments that you find useful to your research and arguments. With articles covering major environmental statutes, international environmental agreements, comparative approaches to environmental regulation, and original policy proposals, the Journal hopes to provide quality reading for everyone from the casual legal scholars to the front-line policy experts.

This specific issue focuses on the recently approved Lake Champlain Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (“TMDL”) for twelve Vermont segments of Lake Champlain. Each segment has its own TMDL, but the authors within the issue will typically refer to the TMDLs as a singular TMDL because of the single controlling framework. Unlike a standard issue of a legal journal that has articles written almost exclusively by lawyers, law professors, and law students, this issue also provides articles written by scientists, engineers, and policymakers who had direct influence on the development of the 2016 Lake Champlain TMDL. These authors provide a rare opportunity to combine into one book the first-hand knowledge of a major regulatory framework.

Throughout this issue, the authors and editors intend to provide historical, scientific, policy, and legal analysis of the development of the 2016 Lake Champlain TMDL. While the Clean Water Act and many other key environmental statutes are passed by the United States Congress, the implementation of those environmental laws happens from the ground on up. This issue uses the 2016 Lake Champlain TMDL to show how the implementation of a major regulatory framework depends on the intertwined relationship between the regulated community, nonprofit

organizations, and many branches of state government to be successful. By providing all of this analysis in one source, readers should walk away with a greater understanding of the legal and non-legal intricacies that go into implementing a major regulatory framework. We hope you enjoy this story of a small state that got a big win for clean water.

Sincerely,

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