



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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December 20, 2010

Mr. John Madras, Director
Water Protection Program
Water Protection and Soil Conservation Division
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Madras:

Re: Establishing Long Branch
Total Maximum Daily Load

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WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I hereby transmit EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Long Branch located in Pettis County, Missouri, established on December 20, 2010.

EPA is establishing this TMDL to meet the requirements of the 2001 Consent Decree (*American Canoe Association, Inc., et al. v. EPA*, No. 98-482-CV-W).

Long Branch was identified on the 2008 Missouri Section 303(d) List as impaired due to unknown pollutants. The specific impairments (water body segment and TMDL pollutants) are:

<u>Water Body Name</u>	<u>WBID</u>	<u>Pollutants</u>
Long Branch	MO_0857	Total Phosphorus Total Suspended Solids Total Nitrogen

This TMDL is also established in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. EPA public noticed this document from October 29 to December 3, 2010. Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) assisted with distribution of the draft TMDL to stakeholders in Missouri. No comments were received. Please refer to the *Summary of Comments and Responses* document.

Federal regulation, 40 CFR 130.6(c)(1), requires the state to incorporate this TMDL, along with appropriate implementation measures, into Missouri's Water Quality Management Plan. To assist in planning implementation and follow-up monitoring efforts, the TMDL



document may include monitoring recommendations. These recommendations are not part of the Long Branch TMDL established by EPA at this time, and EPA understands that the state is responsible for developing implementation plans necessary to attain TMDLs.

If the state adopts and EPA approves TMDLs for this water body and pollutants which are different from the TMDL established today, the state adopted TMDLs would supersede the EPA established TMDL.

We appreciate Missouri's partnership in developing and public noticing this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by MDNR to develop TMDLs.

Sincerely,


for William A. Spratlin
Director
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Enclosure

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