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Mr. John DeLashmit
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VII
901 North Fifth Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: Total Maximum Daily Load for Village Creek (WBIDs 2863 and 2864)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

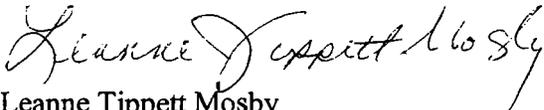
Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Village Creek near Fredericktown in Madison County, Missouri. The TMDL was public noticed from July 27, 2009 to August 26, 2009. Three public comments were received and the TMDL was edited appropriately. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VII pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Village Creek TMDL was developed by EPA and the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program to address the lead and inorganic sediment impairments of Village Creek, as identified in Missouri's 2004/2006 303(d) list. These impairments arose from mining waste and lead contaminated sediment being carried into the creek by runoff. The TMDL will be implemented through permit action and Superfund work in the abandoned mine lands.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Hoke at (573) 526-1446 or by mail at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM


Leanne Tippet Mosby
Director

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Enclosures

- c: Mr. Daniel R. Schuette, Director, Division of Environmental Quality
Mr. Earl Pabst, Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Quality
Ms. Jennifer Frazier, Attorney General's Office
Missouri Clean Water Commission