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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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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 Cave Springs Branch (WBID 3245U-01)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Cave Springs Branch near South West City in McDonald County, Missouri. The TMDL was public noticed from July 30 through September 13, 2010. Two public comments were received and the document revised as appropriate. The Department of Natural Resources (Department) now submits this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7 pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Cave Springs Branch TMDL was developed by the Department's Water Protection Program to address the nutrients impairment of Cave Springs Branch, as identified in Missouri's 2008 303(d) List. This impairment arises from wastewater treatment facility effluent at the Simmons Industries poultry processing plant. The TMDL will be implemented through permit action.

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 Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Madras".

John Madras  
Acting Director

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Enclosures

c: Ms. Leanne Tippett Mosby, Director, Division of Environmental Quality  
Mr. Aaron Schmidt, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Quality  
Ms. Jenny Frazier, Attorney General's Office  
Missouri Clean Water Commission