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

RE: TMDLs for Turkey Creek (WBID 3282)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Turkey Creek near the city of Bonne Terre in St. Francois County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was public noticed from November 19 to December 19, 2004. Public comments were received and the document was adjusted when appropriate. These comments and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response letter are on file with the department. 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 Turkey Creek TMDLs were developed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program to address the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and volatile suspended solids (VSS) impairments of Turkey Creek, as identified in Missouri's 2002 303(d) list. These impairments arise from domestic wastewater with significant loads of BOD and VSS. The TMDLs would be implemented by permit action.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ann Crawford at (573) 751-5827 or by mail at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.

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Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Hull". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

Jim Hull  
Director

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Enclosure

c: Mr. William Bryan, AGO  
Mr. Scott B. Totten, Director, WPCSD  
Mr. Bryan Fawks, Deputy Director, WPCSD  
MO Clean Water Commission