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Mr. John Madras
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Water Protection and Soil Conservation Program
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Dear Mr. Madras:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the 2016 Missouri Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of water quality-limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), submitted by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on May 3, 2016, and received by the EPA on May 23, 2016. The EPA also reviewed supplemental information submitted by the MDNR on May 23, 2016. In the original 2016 submittal, MDNR included the following items:

- A hard copy letter officially submitting the 2016 Missouri Section 303(d) List
- A USB Flash Drive containing the following information:
 - Missouri's proposed 2016 CWA Section 303(d) impaired waters list.
 - A copy of the 2016 Section 303(d) Listing Methodology Document.
 - A copy of the 2016 Missouri Section 305(b) Report.
 - A copy of Missouri's TMDL schedule.
 - An administrative record of all written comments received by MDNR on the proposed Section 303(d) List and MDNR's responses.
 - A complete set of water quality assessment files.
 - Sections 303(d) and 305(b) GIS shape files.

The MDNR's submission included the 2016 CWA Section 303(d) List as approved by the Clean Water Commission on April 6, 2016. The EPA has determined that Missouri's list of water quality-limited segments still requiring TMDLs partially meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the CWA and the EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, today the EPA is partially approving and partially disapproving Missouri's 2016 CWA Section 303(d) List. The enclosure to this letter provides a more detailed rationale of today's action on Missouri's Section 303(d) list. In today's decision:

- EPA approves the listing of 447 water body/pollutant pairs.
- EPA approves the delisting of 18 water body/pollutant pairs.
- EPA disapproves Missouri's decision to not list 5 water body/pollutant pairs and is proposing to restore or add them to the state's 2016 Section 303(d) List.



The EPA will open a public comment period to receive comments concerning the decision to delist, restore and add water body/pollutant pairs to the state's list. The list of water bodies that the EPA proposes restoring to the 2016 Section 303(d) Missouri List, as well as the rationale supporting this action, is included as an enclosure to this letter.

I congratulate you and your staff for the completion of the Section 305(b) water assessment report and the Section 303(d) list development and submission process. This process requires a significant amount of staff resources and involves a complex evaluation and assessment of water quality data. We look forward to working with the MDNR on the development of the 2016 Section 303(d) List.

If you would like to further discuss the EPA's action, please contact me at 913-551-7782, or John DeLashmit, Chief of the Water Quality Management Branch, at 913-551-7821.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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