

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Water Pollution Control Branch Staff
 Regional Directors
 Regional Office Water Pollution Staff

FROM: Leanne Tippett Mosby, Acting Director *LTM*
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SUBJECT: *Guidance for Water Quality and Antidegradation Review Assistance*

We placed *Guidance for Water Quality and Antidegradation Review Assistance* on the network drive folder T:\WQRS_Resources\Guidance Documents\Draft Guidance for WQRA. This technical guidance does not establish required technical procedures but references well-established methods, procedures, and common practices that we intend to use for conducting water quality and antidegradation reviews and effluent limit determinations for domestic, municipal, and industrial discharges. This guidance also contains methods and procedures that supplement the existing Missouri Regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) permit manuals, and *Antidegradation Rules and Implementation Procedure*, May 2008 (AIP). The guidance is divided into the technical reference guide to address broader water quality information needs and the supplemental technical guidance for constructing a water quality and antidegradation review document

We intend for this guidance to provide Department staff and the regulated community with a consistent strategy for assessing the need for and rationale and procedure used in the development of effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for discharges to waters of the state. With this in mind, the guidance document contains processes and procedures that help ensure that we can protect the quality of Missouri's waters for current and future uses.

This guidance is to be effective and implemented immediately. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Todd Blanc or Mr. John Rustige at 573-751-6825. Thank you.

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