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

RE: Submittal of Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Mississippi River (WBIDs 1, 1707 and 3152) and the Missouri River (WBIDs 226, 356, 701 and 1604)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find copies of the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL documents and have edited them appropriately. These TMDLs were first public noticed from June 9, 2006 to July 9, 2006. Public comments were received and substantial adjustments to the TMDLs were needed. The documents were again placed on public notice from August 30, 2006 to September 29, 2006. No comments were received during this notice. All comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response letters are enclosed. We now submit these documents as final TMDLs for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

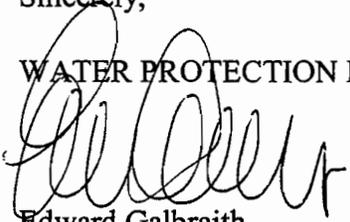
The Mississippi River and the Missouri River TMDLs were developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the chlordane and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) impairments of these waters, as identified on the 2002 Section 303(d) list. These impairments arose from chlordane used in the past as an insecticide and PCBs used in various industries. Both compounds have been banned and their concentrations in these waterbodies have been declining. Therefore, no further action, besides periodic monitoring, will be taken unless concentration levels rise above the action limits of 0.1 mg/kg for chlordane and 2.0 mg/kg for PCBs.

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We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on these TMDLs. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anne Peery by phone at (573) 526-1426 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



Edward Galbraith
Director

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Enclosure

c: Mr. Daniel R. Schuette, Director, DEQ
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