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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 Indian Creek (WBID 1946), Tributary to Indian Creek (WBID 3663), and Courtois Creek (WBID 1943)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Indian Creek, Tributary to Indian Creek, and Courtois Creek in Washington County, Missouri. The TMDL document was first public noticed from September 8, 2009 to October 22, 2009. Revisions were made due to comments received and the document was public noticed a second time from November 13, 2009 to December 13, 2009. Additional revisions were made in response to comments received during the second public notice. A third and final public notice period was held from March 23, 2010 to May 7, 2010. Three public comments were received during the first public notice, one comment was received during the second public notice, and three public comments were received during the final public notice. Having responded to these comments, 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 VII pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Indian Creek, Tributary to Indian Creek, and Courtois Creek TMDL was developed by the Department's Water Protection Program to address the dissolved lead, zinc and metals impairments of Indian Creek, Tributary to Indian Creek, and Courtois Creek as identified in Missouri's 2008 303(d) List. These impairments arose from lead and zinc being carried into the streams by runoff and overflowing mine dewatering ponds from a single point source. The TMDL will be implemented through permit action and reductions in the pollutants of concern from nonpoint sources.

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

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM


Scott B. Totten
Acting Director

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Enclosures

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