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Mr. John DeLashmit  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region VII  
901 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: TMDL for Main Ditch (WBID 2814)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Main Ditch in Butler County, Missouri. EPA staff reviewed the draft TMDL document and found it satisfactory. The TMDL was placed on public notice from August 5, 2005 to September 4, 2005. One comment letter was received during the public comment period, which requested site-specific criteria. In response to the comment letter, the staff modified Section 2.2 to include a discussion of this issue. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the EPA pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

Main Ditch TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Volatile Suspended Solids and low Dissolved Oxygen impairment of this water as identified on the 2002 Section 303(d) list. These impairments have been determined to come primarily from the Poplar Bluff Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Permit limit revision and improvement or replacement of the existing WWTF as well as Best Management Practices will implement the TMDL.

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

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Edward Galbraith  
Director

Enclosures

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