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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 Douger Branch (WBID 3168)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

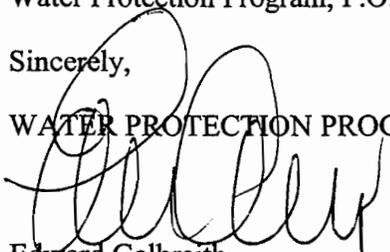
Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Douger Branch near Aurora in Lawrence County, Missouri. The TMDL was public noticed from April 28, 2006 to May 28, 2006. No public comments were received. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. We now submit 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 Douger Branch TMDL was developed by the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program to address the zinc impairment of Douger Branch, as identified in Missouri's 2002 303(d) list. This impairment arises from mining waste and underground voids that continually seep into the creek. The TMDL will be implemented through permit action and brownfields work in the old mined area.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anne Peery 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
Mr. Earl Pabst, Deputy Director, DEQ
Missouri Clean Water Commission