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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: Submittal of Total Maximum Daily Loads for Spring Fork Lake (WBID 7187) and  
Lamar Lake (WBID 7356)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the following water bodies:

- Spring Fork Lake near Sedalia in Pettis County, Missouri
- Lamar Lake near Lamar in Barton County, Missouri

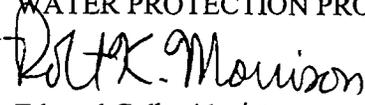
We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL documents and have edited them appropriately. The Spring Fork Lake TMDL was public noticed from May 12, 2006 to June 11, 2006, and the Lamar Lake TMDL from May 19, 2006 to June 18, 2006. One public comment was received but no adjustment to the TMDLs was needed. All comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response letters are on file with the department. 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 Spring Fork Lake and Lamar Lake TMDLs were developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the algae impairment of these waters, as identified on the 1998 and 2002 Section 303(d) lists. The impairment arose from excess nutrients, particularly phosphorus, reaching the lakes and causing prolific algae growth. When these algae experience a die-off, it often results in an objectionable taste and odor event. The TMDL will be implemented through best management practices.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on these TMDLs. If you have any questions, please contact 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 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

  
Edward Galbraith  
Director

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Enclosure

c: Mr. William Bryan, Attorney General's Office  
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