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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (department) biennially prepares an Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (also known as the 305(b) report) to convey the status of Missouri's waters. The integrated report is a biennial assessment of Missouri's waters and satisfies the listing requirements of Section 303(d) and the reporting requirements of Section 305(b) and 314 of the CWA. In preparation of the 2018 report, the department is soliciting readily available and qualified water quality data for waters of the state of Missouri. The period of record for this solicitation is for data collected between January 1, 2014 and October 31, 2016.

The data must be spatially and temporally representative of the actual ambient conditions of the water body. Sample locations should be characteristic and representative of the main water mass or distinct hydrologic areas. With the exception of the data collected for those designated uses that require seasonally based data (e.g., whole body contact recreation, biological community data, and critical season dissolved oxygen), data should be distributed over at least three seasons, over two years, and should not be biased toward specific conditions (such as runoff, season, or hydrologic conditions).

Data meeting the following criteria will be accepted –

- Samples must be collected and analyzed under a Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) protocol that follows the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirements for quality assurance project plans.
- Samples must be analyzed following protocols and methods that are consistent with the EPA or Standard Method procedures.
- All data submitted must be accompanied by a copy of the organizations QA/QC protocol and standard operating procedures.
- All data must be reported in standard units as recommended in the relevant approved methods.

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- All data must be accompanied by precise sample location(s), preferably in either decimal degrees or Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM).
- All data must be received in a Microsoft Excel or compatible format.
- All data must have been collected within the requested period of record.

The department appreciates any assistance your agency can provide. We ask all qualified data be submitted electronically by December 31, 2016, to trish.rielly@dnr.mo.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trish Rielly at (573) 526-5297, at the email address above, or by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM



John Madras
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