

Dear Permittee:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program is seeking participation from permittees to voluntarily monitor nutrients when and where appropriate to enhance available data related to nutrient loadings. According to the Missouri Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, "Additional steps could be taken to expedite the collection of effluent monitoring data and to more rapidly reduce nutrient loadings from point sources." This monitoring is called "early monitoring" because the inclusion of nutrient monitoring requirements for point sources that have a design capacity of greater than 100,000 gallons per day will occur during the renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System state operating permits. Information including the "Voluntary Early Nutrient Monitoring Program for Point Sources According to the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy" describes the general program for all publicly-owned treatment works and all industrial stormwater and wastewater treatment facilities that are designed and permitted to discharge greater than or equal to 100,000 gallons per day, responses to public comments and the participation form can be found on the department's website at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/permits/index.html>.

Please find enclosed the "Voluntary Early Nutrient Monitoring Program for Point Sources Participation Form.". The department requests your participation in the "Voluntary Early Nutrient Monitoring Program" and requests the agreement form be completed along with an e-mail address and returned within 30 days from the date of this letter. An e-mail address is required, as it will allow the department to electronically confirm it now has the ability to receive and enter any nutrient data voluntarily gathered by the facility.

This strategy reflects the work of a large number of citizens who contributed to its completion. The department wishes to thank all those who gave their time, thoughts and expertise to complete the Missouri Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

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The department appreciates your consideration and assistance in monitoring nutrients in Missouri. If you have any questions about this letter, agreement form, or need additional time to complete and return the agreement form, please contact Mr. Cameron Eisterhold or Mr. Todd Blanc by mail at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 or by phone at (573) 522-4502.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Madras". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Madras
Director

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Enclosure