

STATE OF MISSOURI  
**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 West Fork Sni-a-Bar Creek

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

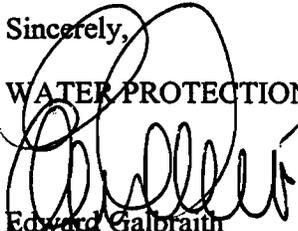
Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for West Fork Sni-a-Bar Creek near the City of Lake Lotawana, Jackson County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was public noticed from August 26, 2005 to September 25, 2005. One comment letter was received and the document was revised based on comments to eliminate the biotic index and nutrient levels as numeric targets for the Phase One instream response because these parameters are not water quality standards at this time within Missouri's program. This comment and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response are on file with the department. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by EPA pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The West Fork Sni-a-Bar Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program, to address the Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Volatile Suspended Solids impairment of West Fork Sni-a-Bar Creek, as identified on the 2002 303(d) list. The impairment arises from the City of Lake Lotawana's wastewater lagoon, which is currently being replaced with a mechanical treatment plant. The TMDL will be implemented by permit action.

We appreciate your office taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Clark of my staff at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or (573) 526-1002.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

  
Edward Galbraith  
Director

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Enclosure

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