



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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September 15, 2010

Mr. John Madras, Acting Director
Water Protection Program
Water Protection and Soil Conservation Division
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Establishing West Fork Locust Creek
Total Maximum Daily Load

Dear Mr. Madras:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I hereby transmit EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for West Fork Locust Creek located in Sullivan and Putnam Counties, Missouri, established on September 15, 2010.

EPA is establishing this TMDL to meet the requirements of the 2001 Consent Decree (American Canoe Association, Inc., et al. v. EPA, No. 98-482-CV-W).

West Fork Locust Creek was identified on the 2008 Missouri Section 303(d) List as impaired due to unknown pollutants and sources. The specific impairment (water body segment and pollutant) is:

Table with 3 columns: Water Body Name, WBID, Pollutant. Row 1: West Fork Locust Creek, MO_0613, unknown

This TMDL is also established in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. EPA public noticed this document from May 25, 2010 to June 25, 2010. Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) assisted with distribution of the draft TMDL to stakeholders in Missouri. Three comment letters were received. Please refer to the Summary of Comments and Responses document, which is enclosed with this letter, for more detailed information about EPA responses.

Federal regulation, 40 CFR 130.6(c)(1), requires the state to incorporate this TMDL, along with appropriate implementation measures, into Missouri's Water Quality Management Plan. To assist in planning implementation and follow-up monitoring efforts, the TMDL document may include monitoring recommendations. These recommendations are not part of



the TMDL established by EPA at this time and EPA understands that the state is responsible for developing implementation plans necessary to attain TMDLs.

If the state adopts and EPA approves TMDLs for this water body and pollutant which are different from the TMDL established today, the state adopted TMDLs would supersede the EPA established TMDL.

We appreciate Missouri's partnership in developing and public noticing this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by MDNR to develop TMDLs.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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