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Mr. John DeLashmit
U.S. EPA, Region VII
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: Submittal of TMDL for Dark Creek (WBID 690)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Dark Creek in Randolph County, Missouri. EPA staff reviewed the draft TMDL document and found it satisfactory. The TMDL was placed on public notice from October 22 to November 21, 2004. One public comment was received and adjustments to the document were made where appropriate. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the EPA pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Dark Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the sulfate impairment of this water as identified on the 2002 Section 303(d) list. This impairment has been determined to come from runoff from the Crutchfield Abandoned Mine Land. This acid soil erosion will be remedied through Best Management Practices. Follow-up monitoring will reveal if these measures have, indeed, addressed the impairment or if other action needs to be taken.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ann Crawford at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 or by telephone at (573) 751-6623.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM



Jim Hull
Director

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Enclosures

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