

Long Branch in Missouri
Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
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INTRODUCTION

EPA public noticed a draft TMDL for Long Branch (water body identification MO_115U-01) from October 29, 2010 to December 3, 2010. EPA is establishing this TMDL to meet the obligations of the 2001 Consent Decree, *American Canoe Association, et al. v. EPA*, Consolidated Case No. 98-482-CV-W, (Consent Decree). No comments were received. If EPA had received comments this document would summarize and paraphrase comments received, EPA's response to comments and changes made to the final TMDL where appropriate.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (EPA responses in bold)

No Comments

LIST OF COMMENTORS

No Commentors.

END SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Note: One inquiry was received from a facility who wanted to know why they received the public notice and requested general information about the meaning of a public notice and a TMDL. They were emailed the following general information:

- **A Total Maximum Daily Load is a scientific calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards (and an allocation of that load among the various sources of that pollutant).**
- **TMDL is the acronym for Total Maximum Daily Load.**
- **A TMDL document is many pages long and is a written plan to improve an impaired water body that includes the TMDL calculation.**
- **A public notice is sent to all permittees and stakeholders in a watershed where a new TMDL is proposed, so they may make comment on the draft TMDL before it's made final.**