

December 21, 2000

Ms. Cheryl Crisler  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency, Region VII  
901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101

Re: TMDL for Davis Creek

Dear Ms. Crisler:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load study (TMDL) for Davis Creek near the city of Odessa in Lafayette County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was placed on public notice December 8, 2000. All public comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) response letters will be filed with MDNR. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. EPA pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Davis Creek TMDL was developed by the MDNR, Water Pollution Control Program, to address the low dissolved oxygen and ammonia contamination of this water, as identified on the Section 303(d) list. The impairment arises from Odessa Southeast Lagoon System wastewater with significant loads resulting in low dissolved oxygen and high ammonia. The TMDL would be implemented by permit action.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Clifford or me at (573) 751-7428.

Sincerely,

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

[Signed by Ed Knight]

Edwin D. Knight  
Director

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Enclosure

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bc: Scott Totten, Michael Warrick, CWC