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Dear Mr. Galbraith:

Re: Establishing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for  
Big Otter Creek, Waterbody Identification MO\_1224  
Honey Creek, Waterbody Identification MO\_1251  
Monegaw Creek, Waterbody Identification MO\_1234

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am hereby transmitting EPA's TMDLs for Big Otter, Honey and Monegaw Creeks in Missouri, established August \_\_, 2006. EPA is establishing these TMDLs pursuant to EPA commitments under a consent decree (*American Canoe Association, et al. v. EPA*, No. 98-1195-CV-W in consolidation with No. 98-4282-CV-W, February 27, 2001), and to meet the consent decree deadline of December 31, 2006.

Waterbody	Waterbody ID	Listed Pollutant	TMDL Pollutant
Big Otter Creek	MO 1224	pH	pH
Honey Creek	MO 1251	sulfate	sulfate
Monegaw Creek	MO 1234	sulfate	sulfate

These TMDLs are being established in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, because the State of Missouri determined on the 1998 and/or 2002 303(d) lists of impaired waters that the water quality standards (WQS) were exceeded. EPA public noticed these documents from June 28, 2006, to July 30, 2006. Big Otter Creek received one comment, Honey Creek received two comments, and Monegaw Creek received two comments. Please refer to the *Summary of Response to Comments* documents which are enclosed with this letter for more information.

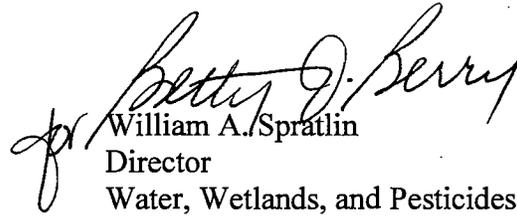
I want to thank the staff of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for their assistance in preparing these TMDLs. Federal regulation, 40 CFR 130.6(c)(1), requires the State to incorporate these TMDLs, along with appropriate implementation measures, into the State's Water Quality Management Plan. To assist in planning implementation and follow-up monitoring efforts, the TMDL documents include monitoring recommendations. These recommendations are not part of the TMDL decisions being made by EPA at this time and we understand that the State is responsible for developing implementation plans necessary to attain TMDLs.



If the State of Missouri considers adoption of new TMDLs for these waterbodies, the State may adopt the TMDLs identified in this decision or further assess the pollutants and adopt different TMDLs if warranted. If the State adopts and EPA approves TMDLs which are different from the TMDLs established today, the State adopted TMDLs would supersede the EPA established TMDLs.

If you have any questions regarding these TMDLs, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff call Jack Generaux, 913-551-7690.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Enclosure

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