



Missouri
Department of
Natural Resources

DRAFT TRIBUTARY TO BIG OTTER CREEK TMDL
PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**Tributary to Big Otter Creek
WBID # 1225**

Henry and St. Clair counties, Mo.

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June 24, 2004

Mr. Phil Schroeder
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Dear Mr. Schroeder:

The following are the comments of the Missouri Department of Conservation concerning the draft TMDLs for Trace Creek and the tributary to Big Otter Creek.

Trace Creek

As with McKenzie Creek, it is possible that acid precipitation from the Glover Smelter has impacted the Trace Creek Watershed. However, the data presented in the TMDL is inconclusive. Additional data collection in the Trace Creek, McKenzie Creek and surrounding watersheds, is needed to discern possible contributions of acidity and determine their contribution. MDC offers assistance in collecting data in these watersheds as is possible.

Big Otter Creek

I have no specific comments for this TMDL but support continued monitoring efforts and additional reclamation in the tributary as necessary.

The Department supports efforts by Department of Natural Resources to improve Missouri's aquatic resources and appreciates the opportunity to comment on these TMDLs. Please let me know if you have questions concerning these comments.

Sincerely,

Leanna Zweig
Environmental Services Biologist

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September 23, 2004

Ms. Leanna Zweig
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Dear Ms. Zweig:

Thank you for your comments on the Tributary to Big Otter Creek TMDL. Although you didn't have any specific comments regarding this TMDL, the department's continued support is appreciated and valued.

As always, MDC's participation in the TMDL process and concern for the health of Missouri's water resources is appreciated. If you have other questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Gail Wilson of the Water Protection Program, Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Section, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 or by telephone at (573) 526-1535.

Sincerely,

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