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

RE: TMDL for Tributary to Big Otter Creek (WBID 1225)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

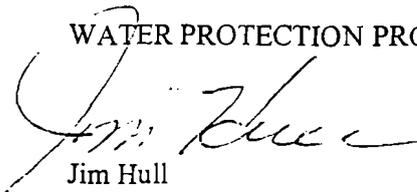
Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Tributary to Big Otter Creek in Henry County and St. Clair County, Missouri. EPA staff reviewed the draft TMDL document and found it satisfactory. The TMDL was placed on public notice from July 30 to August 29, 2004. One comment letter was received during the public comment period. A slight language modification was made to the document prior to submission. 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.

Tributary to Big Otter Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the pH impairment of this water as identified on the 2002 section 303(d) list. This impairment has been determined to come from abandoned mine land. The TMDL will be implemented by reclamation work already done by the department's Land Reclamation Program and other reclamation work as determined by monitoring as funds and programs allow.

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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