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Mr. John DeLashmit  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
901 North Fifth Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: Total Maximum Daily Load for Marmaton River (WBID 1308)

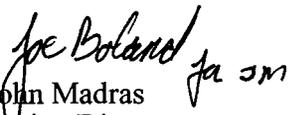
Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the Marmaton River near Nevada in Vernon County, Missouri. The TMDL was first placed on public notice from February 4, 2010 to April 2, 2010. Eight comments were received during this public comment period, two of which resulted in substantial changes to the TMDL. Before finalizing the revised Marmaton River TMDL, the public was notified of an additional comment period for the revised draft from July 8, 2010 to August 22, 2010. Two comment letters and one email were received. Having responded to these comments and made revisions where appropriate, the Department of Natural Resources now submits this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7 pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Marmaton River TMDL was developed by EPA and the Department to address the low dissolved oxygen impairment of the Marmaton River. This impairment was identified on Missouri's 2008 303(d) List of impaired waters. The impairment has been attributed, in part, to effluent being discharged into the river by the Fort Scott Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Kansas, the Nevada WWTP in Missouri, and from nutrients and oxygen-demanding substances carried into the stream by nonpoint source runoff. TMDLs to address these pollutants can be found in the document. These TMDLs may be implemented through voluntary agricultural best management practices and through permit action, where appropriate. We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Hoke at (573) 526-1446 or at the Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

  
John Madras  
Acting Director

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Enclosures

c: Ms. Leanne Tippet Mosby, Director, Division of Environmental Quality  
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