Dear Mr. Galbraith:

Re: Establishing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Clear Creek Identification MO-1336
Honey Creek Identification MO-554
Miami Creek Identification MO-1299
Middle Fork Grand River Identification MO-468
North Fabius River Identification MO-56
South Fork Blackwater River Identification MO-921
Third Fork Platte River Identification MO-327

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am hereby transmitting EPA’s TMDLs for Clear Creek, Honey Creek, Miami Creek, Middle Fork Grand River, North Fabius River, South Fork Blackwater River, and Third Fork Platte River in Missouri, established November 15, 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). EPA is establishing these TMDLs to meet the December 31, 2006, consent decree deadline.

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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 2002 303(d) lists of impaired waters that the water quality standards were exceeded. EPA public noticed these documents from September 29, 2006, to October 29, 2006. There were no comment letters received for these sites. Please refer to the Summary of Response to Comments document which is enclosed with this letter for more information regarding EPA’s responses to those comment letters.

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 its 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 Water Quality Standards.

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 TMDL’s, please do not hesitate to call me at (913)551-7401 or have your staff call Jack Generaux, of my staff, at (913)551-7690.

Sincerely yours,

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Director
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