

December 28, 2001

Ms. Cheryl Crisler
USEPA, Region VII
901 North Fifth Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: TMDL for East Whetstone Creek

Dear Ms. Crisler:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for East Whetstone Creek near the city of Mountain Grove in Wright County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was public noticed from November 9 to December 9, 2001. Public comments were received and the document was adjusted when appropriate. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region VII pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act. All public comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response letters are on file with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The East Whetstone Creek TMDL was developed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Water Pollution Control Program to address the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) contamination of this water, as identified in Missouri's 1998 303(d) list. The impairment arises from domestic wastewater with significant loads of BOD. The TMDL would be implemented by permit action.

We appreciate USEPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Clifford or me at (573) 751-7428.

Sincerely,

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

/Signed/

Scott B. Totten
Interim Director

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Enclosure

c: William Bryan, AGO
bc: Michael Warrick