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

RE: TMDLs for Brushy Creek (WBID 1592)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

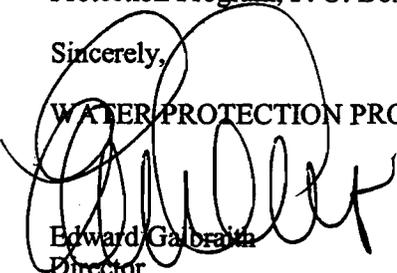
Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Brushy Creek near the City of Houston in Texas County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was public noticed from August 26, 2005 through September 25, 2005. One comment letter was received; however, it did not require any adjustments to the TMDL. This comment and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response letter are on file with the department. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VII pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Brushy Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Volatile Suspended Solids (VSS) impairments of Brushy Creek, as identified in Missouri's 2002 303(d) list. These impairments arise from domestic wastewater with significant loads of BOD and VSS. The TMDLs will be implemented by permit action.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ann Crawford at (573) 751-5827 or by mail at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM



Edward Galbraith  
 Director

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Enclosure

c: Mr. William Bryan, Attorney General's Office  
 Mr. Daniel R. Schuette, Director, DEQ  
 Mr. Earl Pabst, Deputy Director, DEQ  
 Missouri Clean Water Commission