

December 21, 2000

Ms. Cheryl Crisler
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region VII
901 North Fifth Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Re: TMDL for Piney Creek

Dear Ms. Crisler:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load study (TMDL) for Piney Creek near the city of Alton in Oregon County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was placed on public notice December 8, 2000. Public comments were received and the document was adjusted where appropriate. All public comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) response letters will be filed with MDNR. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. EPA pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Piney Creek TMDL was developed by the MDNR, Water Pollution Control Program, to address the chlorine contamination of this water, as identified on the section 1998 303(d) list. The impairment arises from chlorine used as a disinfectant without dechlorination being required. The TMDL would be implemented by permit action.

We appreciate EPA 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]

Edwin D. Knight
Director

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Enclosure

c: William Bryan, AGO

bc: Scott Totten, Michael Warrick, CWC