

December 30, 2003

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

Re: TMDL for the Jacks Fork River

Dear Ms. Crisler:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load study (TMDL) for the Jacks Fork River near the city of Eminence in Shannon County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. The TMDL was on public notice from October 24 to November 23, 2003. Public comments were received and the document was adjusted where appropriate. 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. All public comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' response letters are on file with the department.

The Jacks Fork River TMDL was developed by the department's Water Pollution Control Program to address the fecal coliform contamination of this water, as identified on the section 1998 303(d) list. The impairment arises from excessive amounts of organic wastes entering the river. The TMDL will be implemented by the newly formed Jacks Fork Watershed Partnership. This group is meeting monthly and is initiating various plans to reduce the amount of fecal coliform that reaches the river.

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

Sincerely,

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

/signed by Jim Hull/

Jim Hull  
Director

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Enclosures

c: William Bryan, AGO  
bc: Scott Totten, Michael Warrick