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

Re: TMDL for St. Francis River (WBID 2835)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report for the St. Francis River near Farmington in Madison 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 18, 2005 through December 18, 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 enclosed. 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 St. Francis River TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program, to address the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and ammonia contamination of this water, as identified on Missouri's 2002 303(d) list. The impairment arises from domestic wastewater with significant loads of BOD and ammonia from the Farmington West Wastewater Treatment Plant. The TMDL 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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Enclosures

c: Mr. William Bryan, Attorney General's Office  
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Missouri Clean Water Commission

