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Mr. John DeLashmit  
U.S. EPA, Region VII  
901 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: TMDL for Trace Creek (WBID 2850)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

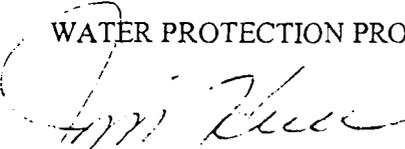
Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Trace Creek in Wayne County, Missouri. EPA staff reviewed the draft TMDL document and found it satisfactory. The TMDL was placed on public notice from July 30 to August 29, 2004. Three public comments were received and adjustments to the document were made where appropriate. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the EPA pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Trace Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the pH impairment of this water as identified on the 2002 Section 303(d) list. This impairment has been determined to come largely from acid rain/air deposition. The sawdust pile that had been causing part of the problem is being dealt with and Glover Smelter (which contributed locally to the acid rain) closed in December 2003. Follow-up monitoring will reveal if these measures have, indeed, addressed the impairment or if other action needs to be taken.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ann Crawford at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 or by telephone at (573) 751-6623.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

  
Jim Hull  
Director

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Enclosures

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