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

RE: Total Maximum Daily Load for Big Creek (WBID 2916)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Big Creek near Glover in Iron 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. No public comments were received. 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 Big Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the metals impairments of Big Creek, as identified in Missouri's 2002 303(d) list. These impairments arise from mining waste with significant loads of cadmium, lead and zinc. The TMDL will be implemented through 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, Missouri 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Edward Galbraith
Director

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Enclosure

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