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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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

RE: Submittal of Total Maximum Daily Loads for Center Creek (WBID 3203) and
Turkey Creek (WDIBs 3216 and 3217)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

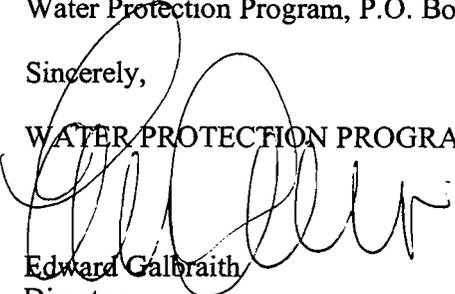
Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Center and Turkey Creeks near Joplin in Jasper County, Missouri. The TMDL was public noticed from May 5, 2006 through June 4, 2006. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it appropriately. One public comment 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 Center and Turkey Creek TMDL was developed by the department's Water Protection Program to address the zinc impairment of both creeks, as identified in Missouri's 2002 303(d) list. This impairment arises from mining waste and underground voids that continually seep into the creek. The TMDL will be implemented through permit action and Superfund remediation work in the old mined areas.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anne Peery at (573) 526-1426 or by mail at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM



Edward Galbraith
Director

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Enclosure

c: Mr. Daniel R. Schuette, Director, DEQ
Mr. Earl Pabst, Deputy Director, DEQ
Missouri Clean Water Commission

