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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: Total Maximum Daily Load for Little Osage River (WBID 3652)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for Little Osage River near Nevada in Vernon County, Missouri. The TMDL was placed on public notice from November 13, 2009 to December 28, 2009. One public comment letter and two emails were received. Having responded to these comments, the Department now submits 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 Little Osage River TMDL was developed by EPA and the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program to address the low dissolved oxygen impairment of Little Osage River. This impairment was identified on Missouri's 2008 303(d) List of impaired waters. This impairment arose from nutrients and oxygen-demanding substances being carried into the creek by runoff. The TMDL will be implemented through voluntary agricultural best management practices.

We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Hoke at (573) 526-1446 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott B. Totten".

Scott B. Totten  
Acting Director

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Enclosures

c: Ms. Leanne Tippet Mosby, Acting Director, Division of Environmental Quality  
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Ms. Jennifer Frazier, Attorney General's Office  
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