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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 Load for Lake Taneycomo (WBID 7314)

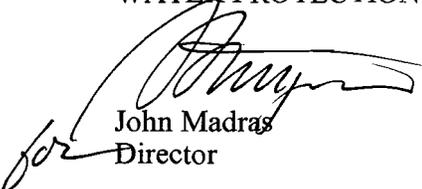
Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document for Lake Taneycomo near Branson in Taney County, Missouri. This TMDL was public noticed from July 30, 2010 through September 13, 2010. Twenty comments were received regarding the TMDL and the document was adjusted in several areas. The comments and our responses are enclosed. We here submit this document as the final TMDL for review and approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VII pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

This TMDL was developed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program to address the low dissolved oxygen impairment of the water body named above, as identified on Missouri's 2008 303(d) List. The impairment arises from Table Rock Lake's hypolimnetic water being discharged through Table Rock Dam. Load capacities for oxygen demand were developed that address current and potential future critical conditions in Lake Taneycomo. The TMDL will be implemented through cooperative efforts between the federal, state and local stakeholders and watershed citizens who steward the resource. We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on this TMDL. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Hoke, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, (573) 526-1446 or john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM


John Madras
Director

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Enclosures

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