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Ms. Cheryl Crisler
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region VII
901 North Fifth Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Re: TMDL for Tributary to Barker Creek

Dear Ms. Crisler:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Tributary to Barker Creek in Henry County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it in response to those comments. The TMDL was placed on public notice from November 21, 2003 to December 21, 2003. One public comment was received on the Tributary to Barker Creek TMDL during the public comment period. It was reviewed and the document was adjusted where appropriate. The public comment that was received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MoDNR) response letter is on file with MoDNR. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

Tributary to Barker Creek TMDL was developed by the MoDNR, Water Pollution Control Program, to address the pH impairment of this water, as identified on the 1998 section 303(d) list. This impairment has been determined to come from acid seeps from an abandoned coal mining area. Monitoring will continue to assess how successful previous reclamation work has been. Any further reclamation work will be addressed as future technology advances are made and program funding allows.

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If you have any questions, please contact Becky Shannon at (573) 751-7428 or by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program, P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Hull".

Jim Hull
Director

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Enclosure

c: William Bryan, AGO