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Mr. John DeLashmit  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency, Region 7  
Water Quality Management Branch  
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RE: Total Maximum Daily Loads for Coldwater Creek (WBID 1706), Creve Coeur Creek (WBID 1703), Fishpot Creek (WBID 2186), and Watkins Creek (WBID 1708)

Dear Mr. DeLashmit:

Enclosed please find copies of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies for Coldwater Creek, Creve Coeur Creek, Fishpot Creek, and Watkins Creek in St. Louis County. These TMDLs were made available for public comment for various 30-day periods in 2012 and again from May 23, 2014 through October 21, 2014. Having responded to the comments received, the Department of Natural Resources now submits these TMDL documents as final for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA), pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

These TMDLs were developed by the Department's Water Protection Program to address *E. coli* bacteria impairments identified in Missouri's 2014 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. These impairments have been attributed to urban stormwater runoff and storm sewer discharge. The TMDLs will be implemented predominantly through Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit requirements, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District consent decree obligations, and cooperative efforts between local stakeholders and citizens in the watershed. The Department recognizes that EPA neither approves nor disapproves TMDL implementation plans. However, for informational purposes, supplemental implementation plans are included with the submittal of these TMDLs.

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We appreciate EPA taking prompt action on approval of these TMDLs. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Whipps, TMDL Unit Chief, at (573) 526-1503, by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by email at bill.whipps@dnr.mo.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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John Madras  
Director

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Enclosures

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