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Dear Mr. Galbraith:

Re: Approval of Mississippi and Missouri rivers TMDLs

This letter responds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) document submissions received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 on October 11, 2006, addressing seven Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). These TMDLs address the human health (fish consumption) use impairment of the Mississippi River (water body IDs 0001, 3152, and 1707) and the Missouri River (water body IDs 1604, 0701, 0356 and 0226), with pollutants of Chlordane and Polychlorinated Biphenyls.

EPA has completed its review of these TMDL documents with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL documents. Enclosed with this letter are EPA Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of these TMDL documents. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutants of concern through assessment of loading capacity, consideration of seasonal variation, and margin of safety.

Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, EPA is currently consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding these TMDLs. While EPA is approving these TMDLs, EPA may decide in the future that changes to these TMDLs are warranted based upon the results of the consultation.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that MDNR has put into these TMDLs. We will continue to cooperate and assist MDNR in developing future TMDLs.

Sincerely,

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