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Dear Mr. Galbraith:

Re: Approval of Lamar and Spring Fork TMDLs

This letter responds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) submission received on July 5, 2006, of documents addressing two Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). These TMDLs address the drinking water use impairment of Spring Fork Lake, water body identification 7187, and Lamar Lake, water body identification 7356, by nutrients.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 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 Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of these TMDL documents. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutants of concern through assessment of the loading capacity, consideration of seasonal variation, and a margin of safety.

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

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

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bruce Perkins, of my staff, at (913)551-7067.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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