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Mr. Edwin D. Knight, Director
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Dear Mr. Knight:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) as submitted by your office for Howell Creek (WBID 2582), as described in Section 303(d)(1) and which appears on your Section 303(d) list as impaired by chlorine. In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.), all the required elements are adequately addressed in this TMDL and the EPA approves all aspects of this TMDL.

We believe, as described in the enclosed decision document, that this TMDL adequately addresses the pollutant of concern, and upon implementation, will result in attainment of the applicable water quality standards. The separate elements of the TMDL adequately address the allocations as needed, the critical conditions, and takes into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Thank you for your submittal. We appreciate Missouri's work to complete and adopt this TMDL, and look forward to our continuing partnership in TMDL development. If you have any questions concerning this approval, feel free to contact Jeanette Schafer of my staff at 913-551-7297.

Sincerely,

U. Gale Hutton
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

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