PUBLIC NOTICE

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)
FOR HINKSON CREEK, IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 USC § 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementing regulation, 40 CFR § 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified as not meeting water quality standards (WQS) under authority of Section 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. TMDLs are established at a level necessary to implement applicable WQS with seasonal variations and a margin of safety that accounts for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between pollutant loading and water quality.

EPA is establishing this TMDL to meet the milestones of the 2001 Consent Decree, *American Canoe Association, et al. v. EPA*, No. 98-1195-CV-W in consolidation with No. 98-4282-CV-W, February 27, 2001, and in partnership with the state of Missouri. However, Missouri may submit and EPA may approve other TMDLs for this water segment at any time.

The draft TMDL addresses impaired sections of Hinkson Creek, identification numbers MO_1007 and MO_1008. Hinkson Creek originates in northeastern Boone County and flows southwest through the city of Columbia before joining Perche Creek, which then flows south into the Missouri River. The Hinkson Creek watershed covers approximately 90 square miles and drains roughly 60 percent of the land area within the city of Columbia. The impaired portion of Hinkson Creek begins at Interstate-70 and flows through the city of Columbia to the stream's confluence with Perche Creek. Missouri's general water quality criteria consist of eight narrative criteria that must be met for all waters in the state (10 CSR 20-7.031). Hinkson Creek is on the EPA-approved 2008 Missouri 303(d) List due to impairment of the Warm Water Aquatic Life designated use from unknown pollutants (10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(C) and Table H). The TMDL calculates a reduction in storm water runoff as a surrogate for the multiple pollutants and stressors associated with urban storm water runoff and nonpoint source runoff. This comment period ends on December 1, 2010.

Persons wishing to comment on this proposed TMDL or offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDL are invited to send comments to the EPA, Region 7, Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, ATTENTION: Ms. Debby White, Water Quality Management Branch, Hinkson Creek. Comments may also be sent to R7TMDL@EPA.GOV or via FAX at 913-551-9886.

A copy of the proposed TMDL can be obtained through the Internet at the following Web address: http://www.epa.gov/region07/water/tmdl_public_notice.htm. Request a copy of the TMDL via email at R7TMDL@EPA.GOV or via FAX at 913-551-9886.

/s/ 10/28/10

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