Ms. Sara Parker Pauley Director Missouri Department of Natural Resources PO Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Ms. Pauley,

We are writing to request that you extend the comment period for Missouri's Nonpoint Source Management Plan, which began May 9 and is scheduled to close on Tuesday, July 8. Missourians have only recently become aware of the potential impact of this plan on agriculture, private property rights and land use in our state.

We are asking that the comment period be extended for 30 days, and that DNR conduct additional hearings around the state to inform Missourians about the changes in the plan. It is incumbent on the DNR to ensure that Missourians understand the potential impact of these changes while allowing those affected to fully comment on the plan.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

PETER D. KINDER Lieutenant Governor

KURT SCHAEFER Senator, District 19

TOM DEMPSEY Senator, District 23

TIMOTHY JONES Representative, District 110