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Thomas Stiles, Chief
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Dear Mr. Stiles:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a goal of receiving states' and territories' submittals of their 2008 Integrated Reports (IRs) by April 1, 2008. The EPA also requests that the states' IR format use the Assessment Database (ADB) or a compatible data system. The timely submittal and subsequent EPA review of a state's IR demonstrates the state's success in restoring and maintaining its waters under Clean Water Act § 303(d) and 305(b).

With this letter, we request that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) consolidate its December 26, 2006, submittal of the Kansas 2006 IR with the upcoming Kansas 2008 IR and submit the consolidated IR by April 1 of this year. This consolidation will facilitate Kansas' commitment and EPA's support for Kansas adopting an ADB compatible reporting system. Consolidating both listing cycles will streamline interagency data management and reporting. This list consolidation and reporting format change will also increase the efficiency of review for 2006/2008 as well as list submission and reviews in future listing cycles.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure a smooth consolidation between the 2006 and 2008 cycle years. If you have questions, please contact me at (913) 551-7821 or delashmit.john@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DeLashmit".

John DeLashmit, Chief
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cc: John Goodin, EPA Headquarters