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RE: Illinois River TMDL

Dear Mr. Curry:

I have seen Tyson Food's letter to you of February 26, 2013. We join Tyson in its suggestion that the EPA TMDL of the Illinois River be put on hold until the three year stressor/response study of the River is completed. The present Oklahoma phosphorus limit for its Scenic Rivers, including the Illinois, is .0375 mg/L. That target might change following the study agreed to by Arkansas and Oklahoma. If it does change, it seems to us that we will have wasted taxpayer money by continuing a TMDL which would then be inapplicable to the new Oklahoma standard.

Simmons Foods appreciates your consideration.

Yours truly,

SIMMONS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Simmons", written over the printed name.

Mark Simmons  
Chairman

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