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STATEMENT FROM
LT. GOVERNOR PETER KINDER
REGARDING THE TOUR OF MISSOURI'S
DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

“The recent actions taken by the organizers of The Tour de France and by the Dutch cycling team Rabobank, have impacted the cycling world. It is regrettable that these events occurred during the Tour de France and have taken the spotlight off of the world’s oldest and famous cycling race.

The race leader was removed from the race by his team for breaking team rules and another leading rider was expelled for violating Union Cycliste International (UCI) regulations against performance enhancement.

The problem of athletes using banned substances and violating the rules of their sport is not isolated to the sport of professional cycling; it is a problem facing athletics world-wide. Cycling is aggressively dealing with the issues of prohibited performance enhancing drugs and practices through on-going detection of these violators.

The Tour of Missouri is committed to producing and operating a drug free race and race environment. We have made this commitment to all Missourians, our partners, our sponsors, the participants, the spectators and the fans of cycling worldwide. We owe this to them as does the sport.”

Lt. Governor Peter Kinder

STATEMENTS ON TESTING PROCEDURES

- As a race sanctioned by Union Cycliste International (UCI), The Tour of Missouri will test riders based on UCI protocols set from standards established in conjunction with the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
- For the 2007 Tour of Missouri, all tests will be carried out and supervised by a Medical Control Officer appointed by the UCI and USA Cycling.
- We recognize that 2007 will be an extremely critical year for the great sport of cycling. We applaud and support in any way we can all of the teams competing with us this week for their stance and efforts to prove to the world that each of them completely comply with all standards set forth to insure drug free training and a drug free race season.

*Q: Will the cyclists be tested for EPO?/or
A general question on testing – a way to bring up our ‘petitioning’
for more encompassing testing*

*A: Organizers of the 2007 Tour of Missouri officially
petitioned/requested the UCI (thru USA Cycling) to perform the
additional, USADA-approved test for EPO on every sample taken at
the 2007 Tour of Missouri.*

Q: How are the tests being conducted/who will be tested?

A: Following each stage, four (4) riders are tested:

*The race’s overall leader
The winner of the just completed stage
Two (2) randomly selected riders*

Q: Will the Tour of Missouri allow a cyclist with a history of violations of banned substances rules and regulations will be allowed to enter the Tour?

A: No athlete with any known history of use, abuse or promotion of performance enhancing drugs or procedures will be allowed to enter the Tour of Missouri as a participant.