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Honorable Michael Castle  
Governor of Delaware  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Castle:

It is with great pleasure that we are today approving the State of Delaware's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits Program in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 122 and 123. We are also herewith authorizing the State of Delaware to administer the General Permits Program as it applies to municipalities, industries and individuals within the State.

You and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) staff are to be congratulated for the effort put forth in moving to assume administration of this important environmental program. The delegation of the General Permits Program will allow the State to comply with the Federal storm water permitting deadlines. The program will also regulate discharges of wastewater which are more appropriately controlled under a general permit rather than by individual NPDES permits, thus saving valuable resources.

The Environmental Protection Agency looks forward to working with you and DNREC in continuing our efforts toward the prevention and control of water pollution in the State of Delaware.

Sincerely,

Edwin B. Erickson  
Regional Administrator

cc: Edwin H. Clark II, Secretary  
Delaware Department of Natural  
Resources and Environmental Control