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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF: 5RA-14

Honorable Evan Bayh
Governor of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

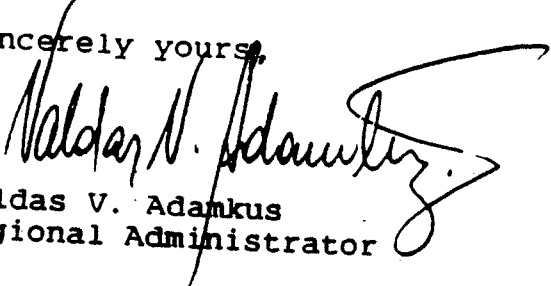
Dear Governor Bayh:

It is with great pleasure that I am today approving the State of Indiana NPDES General Permits Program in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permits Program, 40 CFR 122.28.

Your State is the nineteenth State to request and receive approval for administration of this important program. I congratulate you and your staff for moving to assume administration of this important environmental program.

We look forward to working with you and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in continued efforts toward the prevention and control of water pollution in the State of Indiana.

Sincerely yours,


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Regional Administrator

REVISION OF INDIANA'S NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PROGRAM TO ISSUE GENERAL PERMITS.

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AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Approval of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permits Program of the State of Indiana.

SUMMARY: On _____, the Regional Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region V approved the State of Indiana's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits Program. This action authorizes the State of Indiana to issue general permits in lieu of individual NPDES permits in appropriate cases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan M. Karnauskas, Chief, Permits Section, U.S. EPA, Region V, 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-2105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA regulations at 40 CFR 122.28 provide for the issuance of general permits to regulate discharges of wastewater which result from substantially similar operations, are of the same type wastes, require the same effluent limitations or operating conditions, require similar monitoring, and are more appropriately controlled under a general permit rather than by individual permits.

Indiana was authorized to administer the NPDES program in January 1975. Their program, as previously approved, did not include provisions for the issuance of general permits. There are several categories which could appropriately be regulated by general permits. For these reasons, the IDEM requested a revision of their NPDES program to provide for issuance of general permits. The discharges intended to be covered by general permits include: non-contact cooling water discharges of 1 million gallons per day or less, storm water discharges, coal mine and terminal discharges, stone/sand/gravel quarry discharges, pipeline hydrostatic test water discharges, discharges from potable water treatment plants, petroleum terminal/tank farm discharges, groundwater remediation project discharges, returned supernatant from dredging operations, and semi-public and other similar sanitary treatment plants.

Each general permit will be subject to EPA review and approval as provided by 40 CFR 123.44. Public notice and opportunity to request a hearing is also provided for each general permit.

II. Discussion

The State of Indiana submitted in support of its request, copies of the relevant statutes and regulations. The State has also submitted a statement by the Attorney General certifying, with appropriate citations to the statutes and regulations, that the State has adequate legal authority to administer the general permits program as required by 40 CFR 123.23(c). In addition, the State submitted a program description supplementing the

STATE NPDES PROGRAM STATUS

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	Approved State NPDES Permit Program	Approved to Regulate Federal Facilities	- State Approved State Pretreatment Program	Approv Genera Permit Progra
Alabama	10/19/79	10/19/79	10/19/79	--
Arkansas	11/01/86	11/01/86	11/01/86	11/01/86
California	05/14/73	05/05/78	09/22/89	09/22/89
Colorado	03/27/75	--	--	03/04/75
Connecticut	09/26/73	01/09/89	06/03/81	--
Delaware	04/01/74	--	--	--
Georgia	06/28/74	12/08/80	03/12/81	01/28/81
Hawaii	11/28/74	06/01/79	08/12/83	--
Illinois	10/23/77	09/20/79	--	01/04/79
Indiana	01/01/75	12/09/78	--	/--/
Iowa	08/10/78	08/10/78	06/03/81	--
Kansas	06/28/74	08/28/85	--	--
Kentucky	09/30/83	09/30/83	09/30/83	09/30/83
Maryland	09/05/74	11/10/87	09/30/85	--
Michigan	10/17/73	12/09/78	06/07/83	--
Minnesota	06/30/74	12/09/78	07/16/79	12/15/79
Mississippi	05/01/74	01/28/83	05/13/82	--
Missouri	10/30/74	06/26/79	06/03/81	12/12/81
Montana	06/10/74	06/23/81	--	04/29/81
Nebraska	06/12/74	11/02/79	09/07/84	07/20/84
Nevada	09/19/75	08/31/78	--	--
New Jersey	04/13/82	04/13/82	04/13/82	04/13/82
New York	10/28/75	06/13/80	--	--
North Carolina	10/19/75	09/28/84	06/14/82	--
North Dakota	06/13/75	01/22/90	--	01/22/90
Ohio	03/11/74	01/28/83	07/27/83	--
Oregon	09/26/73	03/02/79	03/12/81	02/23/81
Pennsylvania	06/30/78	06/30/78	--	--
Rhode Island	09/17/84	09/17/84	09/17/84	09/17/84
South Carolina	06/10/75	09/26/80	04/09/82	--
Tennessee	12/28/77	09/30/86	08/10/83	--
Utah	07/07/87	07/07/87	07/07/87	07/07/87
Vermont	03/11/74	--	03/16/82	--
Virgin Islands	06/30/76	--	--	--
Virginia	03/31/75	02/09/82	04/14/89	--
Washington	11/14/73	--	09/30/86	09/26/86
West Virginia	05/10/82	05/10/82	05/10/82	05/10/82
Wisconsin	02/04/74	11/26/79	12/24/80	12/19/80
Wyoming	<u>01/30/75</u>	<u>05/18/81</u>	--	--
Totals	39	34	27	19

Number of Complete NPDES Programs (Federal Facilities, Pretreatment, General Permits) = 13