



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

Honorable William Winter
Governor of Mississippi
Walter Sillers State Office Building
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Winter:

It is with great pleasure that today I am approving the State of Mississippi's NPDES State Pretreatment Program in accordance with 40 CFR Part 403 of the General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution.

This approval is based upon my understanding that you will accomplish by June 1, 1982, a modification of Mississippi's civil penalties and criminal fines by recommending to the next regular session of the State legislature a bill which would make the State laws substantially identical to the provisions of Section 309 of the Clean Water Act.

Section 403.10 of the regulations covers State pretreatment responsibilities under the Clean Water Act of 1977. The Pretreatment Program that Mississippi conducts pursuant to this authority must, at all times, be in accordance with these regulations and the modified Memorandum of Agreement between the Regional Administrator of the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Natural Resources.

Mississippi is among the first of the States to receive approval of an NPDES State Pretreatment Program. I congratulate you and your staff for moving promptly to assume administration of this important environmental program. We are glad you recognize the role of pretreatment in the control of industrial water pollution. We look forward to the administration of the NPDES pretreatment program by the State of Mississippi and to working with you and the Department of Natural Resources staff to continue the progress made towards cleaner waters in the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas M. Costle
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Charles H. Chisolm, Director
Department of Natural Resources