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Honorable George Voinovich
Governor of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Voinovich:

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

Your State is the thirty-first 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, which will be critical in implementing the storm water permitting program.

Please note that our concurrence does not extend to the repromulgation of the definition of "Waters of the State" in OAC-375-38-01(Q) which may not be consistent with the Federal definition contained in 40 CFR 122.2. This matter should be addressed in any future review of Ohio's General NPDES regulations.

We look forward to working with you and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in continued efforts toward the prevention and control of water pollution in the State of Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ original signed by

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