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Honorable Victor Atiyeh  
Governor of Oregon  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor:

It is with great pleasure that I am today approving the State of Oregon National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit program.

Your State is the first to request and receive approval for administration of this important program. I congratulate you and your staff for moving so promptly. The implementation of this innovative permitting program by your State furthers the Administration's goal of enhancing environmental protection through resource effective means.

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

Sincerely yours,

Anne M. Gorsuch

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