

SEP 3 1992

Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.
Governor of South Carolina
State House
P.O. Box 11369
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Governor Campbell:

On June 10, 1975, South Carolina received authority to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program within its borders.

Regulations implementing the Clean Water Act provide that states may be authorized to issue general permits as part of the NPDES program. On July 22, 1992, your Department of Health and Environmental Control requested that its NPDES program be modified to provide the State of South Carolina with authority to issue general NPDES permits for several classes of dischargers.

I am pleased to approve your request for authority to issue general NPDES permits today and to congratulate you and your staff for having acquired this authority. This action is consistent with EPA's national policy that NPDES regulatory authority be administered at the state level. This Program Approval will allow the state to administer all aspects of the NPDES permitting program.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Donald J. Guinyard**
Acting
Greer C. Tidwell
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Thomas E. Brown, Jr., Interim Commissioner
Dept. of Health & Environmental Control