



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Honorable Lawton Chiles
Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Chiles:

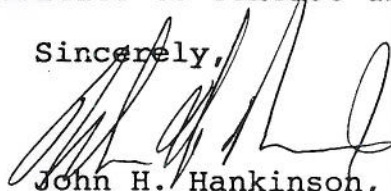
This letter is in response to your formal application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program authority dated November 23, 1994. EPA has completed its review of this application and has concluded that the State of Florida has demonstrated that it adequately meets the requirements for NPDES program authorization as defined in Sections 402 and 304(i) of the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. Part 123. The State of Florida is approved to administer the NPDES program for regulating point source discharges of pollutants into surface waters of the State from this date forward unless otherwise notified by EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 123.

This authorization represents a phased NPDES program authorization encompassing permitting for: (1) domestic discharges; (2) industrial discharges, including those which also have storm water discharges; and (3) pretreatment. Storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4's), individual storm water-only discharges, storm water general permits, and federal facility discharges are to be phased in by the year 2000 for administration by the State. The State is required to submit a program modification for authorization of jurisdiction of these types of NPDES permits to EPA for approval in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between the State and EPA. This authorization does not include the sludge management program.

At this time, EPA has full jurisdiction of NPDES program authority for Indian Lands. All permit applications and related issues concerning discharges on federal Indian Reservations or Indian Tribal Lands will be directed to EPA Region IV.

EPA Region IV has enjoyed working with the staff of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on this endeavor. EPA Region IV wishes the State much success in the implementation of the NPDES program. If EPA Region IV can assist you or your staff in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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