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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable George D. Busbee
Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor:

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

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

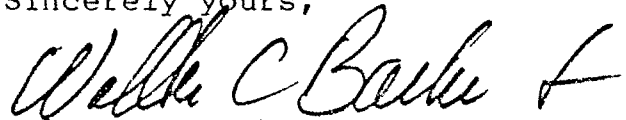
There is one point that I would like to address specifically. During the review, the staff was concerned about the lack of regulations for recording, reporting and monitoring as applicable to Industrial Users. However, I am approving the program with the understanding that the broad statutory authority under Georgia Code §17-516.1 will be relied on to apply the recording, reporting and monitoring requirements of 40 CFR 403.10(f)(1)(ii) directly to all Industrial Users.

Georgia 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

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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 Georgia and to working with you and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division staff to continue the progress made towards cleaner waters in the State of Georgia.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter C. Barber, Jr.", with a large flourish at the end.

Walter C. Barber, Jr.
Acting Administrator