



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable James R. Thompson
Governor of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Jim:

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

Your State is one of 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 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in continued efforts toward the prevention and control of water pollution in the State of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

William D. Ruckelshaus

cc: Richard Carlson, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection
Agency

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Regional Administrator
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