

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Governor Milliken:

I am approving your request to conduct a State Permit Program pursuant to the provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (the "Act"). Accordingly, I am suspending the issuance of permits by the Environmental Protection Agency under subsection (a) of section 402 of the Act as to all discharges in the State of Michigan other than those from agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government.

The program that you conduct pursuant to this authority must at all times be in accordance with section 402 of the Act, all guidelines promulgated pursuant to section 304(h)(2) of the Act, and the agreement between the Regional Administrator of EPA's Region V and the Executive Secretary of the Michigan Water Resources Commission, which I have also approved today. Specifically your attention is directed to clause A, of Part XIV on page 8 of the agreement and the related attachments which schedule completion of all permits in the State of Michigan by December 31, 1974. Because of the severe consequences that could accrue to facilities discharging without an NPDES permit after that date we urge that every effort be undertaken to ensure that this schedule is met.

During the period of interim authorization Michigan indicated a willingness and ability to comply with both the spirit and the letter of the Act. Based upon this performance during the interim period and the description of the program you have submitted I am pleased to approve Michigan's Permit Program.

ATTACHMENT C

Michigan is the first State in the Midwest to receive approval of a permit program under this comprehensive new water pollution law. Michigan's actions in the past have shown that water quality can be enhanced. Speaking on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency and its staff let me assure you that we are anxious to aid you in continuing this progress towards the elimination of water pollution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell E. Train".

Russell E. Train

Honorable William G. Milliken
Governor of Michigan
Lansing, Michigan 48926