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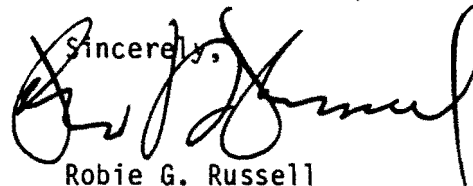
Reply To
Attn Of: WD-134

Ms. Christine O. Gregoire
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Dear Ms. Gregoire:

Today, with great pleasure, I am approving the State of Washington National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits Program, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 123.

I congratulate you and your staff for the great amount of effort expended to assume the administration of this program. We look forward to working with you and the Department of Ecology in continued efforts toward the prevention and control of water pollution in the State of Washington.

Sincerely,

Robie G. Russell
Regional Administrator

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