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RE: EPD Response to Comments on Draft NPDES General Permit No. GAR000000

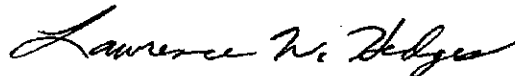
Dear Ms. Kirkpatrick:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your letter, dated October 21, 2004, submitting formal comments on the proposed NPDES General Permit No. GAR000000 for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity. Your comment letter raised concerns with the Notice of Intent (NOI) form submittals in situations when a facility is in the process of updating their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the permit. Part II.B.9 of the NOI form asks whether a current SWP3 has been developed and implemented for the facility.

EPD understands that a corporate officer signing the NOI form and certifying that the information is accurate may be reluctant to do so when in fact the SWP3 may still be in the process of being updated. Therefore, EPD will revise the NOI form to provide space for an explanation in such situations.

EPD would like to thank you for your time and considerable effort put forth in assisting with the issuance of the General Permit. Please find enclosed a copy of the issued permit. If you have any questions regarding the permit, please do not hesitate to contact Chip Scroggs of my staff at (404) 675-6240.

Sincerely,



Lawrence W. Hedges
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