



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

FEB 4 2009

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Merritt Lane
President & CEO
Canal Barge Company, Inc.
835 Union Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-1469

Dear Lane:

We have received your request to delete Illinois's certification condition number 9 from the Vessel General Permit (VGP) to reflect Illinois's modified certification dated February 4, 2009. This letter is to notify you that your request to delete this condition from the VGP is granted. We intend to post a copy of the VGP reflecting the deletion on our website (www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels) by February 6, 2009, along with Illinois's modified certification. In addition, we will issue a notice of availability of the VGP reflecting the deletion in the Federal Register in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tinka G. Hyde", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tinka G. Hyde
Director, Water Division

cc: Sanjay Sofat, Illinois EPA