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Mr. James D. Giattina, Director
Water Management Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Dear Mr. Giattina:

On June 24, 2008, the EPA Region IV requested state determination regarding certification under Section 401, CWA, of the draft NPDES general permit for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of Commercial and Large Recreational Vessels (VGP) and the general permit for Discharges Associated with Recreational Vessels (RGP).

This letter serves as a state certification based on the following condition:

“Effluent limitations established in Section 2.1.4 Discharges of Oil Including Oily Mixtures, and Section 2.2.16, Motor Gasoline and Compensating Discharge of the VGP, are not as stringent as the State of Florida requirements. Florida’s surface water quality standard for oil and grease in Rule 62-302.530(50) F.A.C., states that dissolved or emulsified oils and greases shall not exceed 5.0 mg/L.”

In addition, we noticed that although section 5.1.1.1.2 of the VGP establishes graywater treatment standards (effluent limits) for fecal coliforms, this parameter is not included in the list of parameters to be monitored initially or in the maintenance monitoring.

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact Elsa Potts at (850) 245-8665.

Sincerely,

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Director
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CC: Elsa Potts