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RE: Water Quality Certification for Vessel General Permit and Recreational Vessel Permit

Dear Mr. Dalal:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program (department) has received your June 26, 2008, request for Section 401, Water Quality Certification, and has reviewed the draft fact sheets and draft general permits for Vessel General Permit (VGP) and Recreational Vessel Permit (RGP). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) proposes to regulate effluent limitations to control incidental and operational discharges from these vessels into waters of the United States within the state of Missouri. Discharges would include a variety of materials; the pollutants and constituents of concern associated with these discharges include Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), oil and grease, warm water, metals, hydrocarbons, pH, suspended solids, nutrients, pathogens and other toxic and non-conventional pollutants with toxic effects.

This office certifies that the proposed project will not cause the general or the numeric criteria to be exceeded nor impair beneficial uses established in the Water Quality Standards, 10 CSR 20-7.031, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is written such that limitations do not cause the general or numeric criteria to be exceeded nor impair beneficial uses established in the Water Quality Standards, 10 CSR 20-7.031.
2. Representatives from the department shall be allowed to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the letters and conditions of the permit.
3. This Water Quality Certification shall not be construed or interpreted to imply the requirements for other permits are replaced or superceded. Any NPDES Permits, Land Disturbance General Permits, or other requirements shall be complied with.

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You may appeal to have the matter heard by the administrative hearing commission. To appeal, you must file a petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty (30) days after the date this decision was mailed or the date it was delivered, whichever date was earlier. If any such petition is sent by registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is mailed; if it is sent by any method other than registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the administrative hearing commission.

Water Quality Standards must be met during any operations authorized by these permits. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carrie M. Schulte of the NPDES Permits and Engineering Section by phone at (573) 751-7023, by e-mail at [carrie.schulte@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:carrie.schulte@dnr.mo.gov), or by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM



Edward Galbraith  
Director

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