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James Giattina, Director
Water Protection Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

RE: Vessel General Permit
Small Vessel General Permit
Kentucky Section 401 Certification

Dear Mr. Giattina:

The Kentucky Division of Water has reviewed the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Vessel General Permit and Small Vessel General Permit for the purpose of providing State certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These general permits authorize incidental vessel discharges into the waters of the Commonwealth of Kentucky during normal operation.

Pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, the Commonwealth of Kentucky certifies it has reasonable assurances that applicable water quality standards under Kentucky Administrative Regulations Title 401, Chapter 10, established pursuant to Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the CWA, will not be violated by the above referenced general permits. The Kentucky Division of Water hereby **certifies as written** the NPDES Vessel General Permit and Small Vessel General Permit. Please contact me if you have any questions by calling (502) 564-3410.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. Gruzesky".

Sandra Gruzesky, Director
Kentucky Division of Water

BJS: SG