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Mr. Sanford Phillips
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Office of Environmental Services
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Re: Declined Review of Preliminary Draft Permit
LPDES Permit No. LAG540000, AI No. 90682
Class II Sanitary Discharge General Permit (< 25,000 GPD maximum expected flow)

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the preliminary draft permit for the Class II Sanitary Discharge General Permit (LPDES Permit No. LAG540000), which was received by this office on December 21, 2012. EPA has exercised its discretion in review of this State-submitted preliminary draft permit and has chosen not to perform a full review at this time. However, EPA offers the following comment.

It is estimated approximately 1600 permittees will discharge under LAG540000. As recently discussed in EPA's letter dated May 22, 2012, regarding the Class I Sanitary Discharge General Permit (< 5,000 gpd), (LAG530000), EPA recommends that LDEQ consider requiring electronic discharge data submission for facilities covered by this type of general permit. EPA believes that this will assist in reporting and tracking discharge data.

Please notify EPA of any revisions which are made to the preliminary draft permit as LDEQ proceeds with its permit issuance process. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me at (214) 665-6635, or EMAIL: schwab.kay@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kay Schwab
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cc: Rachel Davis (LDEQ Water Permits Division)