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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
AND THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE
APPROVAL OF THE STATE NPDES PERMIT PROGRAM

I. RECITALS

(1) Parties. The parties to this agreement (hereinafter, the Agreement) are the United States Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter, the EPA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (hereinafter, the Agency).

(2) Purpose. It is the purpose of this Agreement to provide the terms and conditions for approval by the EPA of the State of Minnesota's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (hereinafter, NPDES) permit program under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (hereinafter, the Act) and the EPA's guidelines for "State Program Elements Necessary for Participation in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System" (hereinafter, the Guidelines) promulgated in the Federal Register, Vol. 37. No. 247, Friday, December 22, 1972, 40 C.F.R. Part 124. Various sections of the Guidelines require the Chief Administrative Officer of a state water pollution control agency and the Regional Administrator of EPA to reach agreement on the manner in which the Guidelines are to be implemented. To satisfy the requirements of the Guidelines, the following procedures are hereby agreed to by the Director of the Agency (hereinafter, the Director), the Agency, and the Regional Administrator of the EPA for Region V (hereinafter, the Regional Administrator). The Sections of this Agreement are numbered in accordance with the Sections of the Guidelines.

II. AGREEMENT

General

Section 124.4 (Authority for State program procedures).

(1) The Agency adopted on March 19, 1974, WPC 36, an Agency regulation relating to NPDES permit procedures consistent with the Guidelines.

(2) The Agency shall employ the procedures of WPC 36 pending its becoming properly filed and thus having the force and effect of law. The Agency expects that WPC 36 will have the force and effect of law on or before May 1, 1974.

Acquisition of Data

Section 124.22 (Receipt and Use of Federal Data).

(1) The purposes of this section are: (a) to provide for the transfer of data bearing on NPDES permit determinations from the EPA to the Agency, and (b) to insure that any deficiencies in the transferred NPDES forms shall be corrected prior to issuance of a NPDES permit.

(2) Commencing immediately after the effective date of this Agreement the Regional Administrator shall transmit to the Director a list of all NPDES permit applications received by EPA. This list shall include the name of each discharger, SIC Code, application number, and indicate whether EPA has determined which applications are complete.

(3) After receipt of the list, the Director shall identify

