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OPINION LETTER NO. 242

Mr. Jack Smith
Executive Secretary
Missouri Clean Water Commission
1014 Madison Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request for an opinion inquiring whether Missouri law will meet the requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System State Permit Program.

In your request you state that the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 contain specific provisions describing the program and the authority necessary to implement it in order for a state to receive the grant of authority to operate the permit program from the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

It is the opinion of this office that the laws of the State of Missouri provide adequate authority to carry out the state permit program under the National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, and therefore satisfy the provisions of Section 402(b) of that federal legislation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. Danforth".

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General