UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

WN-16J

Paul Higginbotham, Chief
Permits Section
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Review of draft NPDES Permit, Sand and Gravel General Permit (ING490000)

Dear Mr. Higginbotham:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit (Permit) fact sheet, and supporting documents for the sand and gravel general permit that was submitted to the EPA on September 14, 2012 and subsequently revised and resubmitted on July 10, 2013 and December 6, 2013. Based on our review EPA is satisfied with the revisions that were made addressing the comments identified in our emails dated December 18, 2012, August 16, 2013, and August 28, 2013. However our position could change if any of the following occurs:

a. Prior to the actual date of issuance of a Proposed Permit, an effluent guideline or standard is promulgated which is applicable to the permit and which would require revision or modification of a limitation or condition set forth in the Permit;

b. A variance is granted and the Permit is modified to incorporate the results of that variance;

c. There are additional revisions to be incorporated into the Permit which have not been agreed to by EPA; or

d. EPA learns of new information, including as the result of public comments, that causes EPA to reconsider its position

Subject to the above conditions, the permit may be issued in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

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When the Proposed Permit is issued, please forward one copy and any significant comments received during any public notice period to this office at the above address, attention Mark Ackerman, NPDES Programs Branch. If you have any further questions related to EPA's review, please contact Mark Ackerman of my staff. Mr. Ackerman can be reached by telephone at (312) 353-4145 or by Email at ackerman.mark@epa.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process and your thoughtful consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Newport

for Kevin M. Pierard, Chief
NPDES Programs Branch

Enclosure

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Sheri Jordan (IDEM)