



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 7**

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**MAY 31 2013**

OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Terry E. Branstad  
Governor of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe has asked me to reply to your May 20, 2013, letter about the Environmental Protection Agency's work with Iowa Department of Natural Resources on updating Iowa's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System procedures.

I had a good talk with Chuck Gipp and Bill Ehm in Kansas City, Kansas on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, on this topic. I believe your state and this agency would benefit from a further in-person conversation. This meeting, which should be scheduled in Des Moines, should include your Environmental Advisor, Julie Vandehoef, as well as the key Department of Natural Resources leaders who have been working with the regulated community.

I respectfully suggest that those regulated parties with the most interest in Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Clean Water Act permitting and evaluation should be invited to this conversation. I plan to attend along with my key staff responsible for working in partnership with Iowa to protect and improve water quality.

Please ask your staff to work with my assistant, Julia Cacho, at 913-551-7071 to determine days when your team and Region 7 can meet for several hours in Des Moines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karl Brooks".

Karl Brooks

cc: Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor of Iowa  
Bob Perciasepe, Acting Administrator, USEPA



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