



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
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Shane Hitchcock
Chief
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US Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Hitchcock

Re: Pre-Authorization Policy for Use of Solidifiers for Oil Spill Mitigation in Tennessee

This letter provides pre-authorization for use of solidifiers in accordance with the National Contingency Plan and the Region 4 Regional Response Team policy of May 1, 2006. Approval under this policy is granted with the following considerations:

1. Use of solidifiers shall be conducted under the direct supervision of a federal OSC.
2. Requests for the use of solidifiers from the EPA federal on-scene coordinator shall be directed to the Division of Water Pollution Control's Emergency Response Coordinator at 615-308-1901 and by email at Robert.alexander@state.tn.us.
3. Use of solidifiers shall be conducted by a person or persons adequately trained in the application, recovery and disposal of solidifiers.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this correspondence, contact Mr. Robert Alexander at (615) 532-0659 or robert.alexander@state.tn.us.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Davis
Director
Division of Water Pollution Control

Cc: Nick Fielder, TDEC Emergency Response
Alan Leiserson, TDEC Office of General Counsel