be significantly or uniquely affected by regulatory requirements. "Regulatory requirements" arguably include the requirements of this permit should a municipality seek to be covered under the permit. EPA envisions that some municipalities may elect to seek coverage under this permit for certain storm water discharges, for example, from the following types of industrial activity: hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal; industrial landfills, land application sites and open dumps; scrap and waste material recycling; steam electric power generation; ground transportation (local and suburban transit, interurban highway passenger transportation, including railroads, petroleum bulk stations, and motor freight transportation); air transportation; domestic waste water treatment; and water transportation. Any such permit requirements, however, do not significantly affect small governments because they are subject to the same requirements as other entities whose duties result from today's rule. Permit requirements also do not uniquely affect small governments because compliance with the permit's conditions affects small governments in the same manner as other entities seeking coverage under the permit. Thus, any applicable requirements of section 203 have been satisfied.

The regulated community that may seek coverage under this general permit, including small governments, have been involved in the development of this permit and, therefore, have had notice of the requirements that they may incur under this permit. EPA has prepared permit Fact Sheets to accompanying this permit in order to inform and educate permit applicants about how to comply with the terms of the permit. EPA has already published instructional guidance: Developing Pollution Prevention Plans for Construction and (other) Industrial Activity (1992), NPDES Storm Water Sampling Guidance Document, 833/B-92-001 (July 1992), and Guidance for the Preparation of Discharge Monitoring Reports: Facilities required to Report Semi-annual Monitoring Results Under NPDES Storm Water General Permits, 833/B-93-002 (rev. April 1994). Therefore, EPA encourages any small governments that may seek coverage under this multi-sector general permit to refer to that instructional guidance, as well as contact EPA Regional storm water coordinators listed in the Permit Fact Sheet for any additional assistance such small governments may require.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory

Flexibility Act, that these permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et seq.

Dated: August 29, 1995.

Marley Laing,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region I.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that these permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et seq.

Dated: August 16, 1995.

Jeanne M. Fox,

Regional Administrator, Region II.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that these permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et seq.

Dated: September 11, 1995. Stanley L. Laskowski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that these permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et seq.

Dated: September 11, 1995.

Patrick M. Tobin,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IV.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that these permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et sea.

Dated: September 12, 1995. William G. Laxton,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VI.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that these permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et seq.

Dated: August 24, 1995.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 9.

Accordingly, I hereby certify pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: September 11, 1995. Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

Appendix A—Summary of Responses to Public Comments on the November 19, 1993, Proposed Draft Multi-Sector Storm Water General Permit

The following discussion is a summary of the major issues identified by EPA that were raised regarding the storm water multi-sector industrial general permit during the public comment period, along with EPA's response to each major issue. This summary aggregates comments by similarity of the issues and does not discuss each and every public comment that was received on the proposed permit. A comprehensive discussion of each comment that was raised is provided in a separate detailed response to comment document which is maintained by EPA as a part of the record for this permit issuance action. The first part of this appendix responds to the major issues raised by commenters during the comment period and the second part responds to key industry-specific issues.

Eligibility of Non-Group Members

As proposed, the multi-sector storm water general permit may provide discharge authorization for any industrial activity described in the coverage sections of the twenty-nine industrial sectors that have point source discharges of storm water to waters of the United States or to a municipal separate storm sewer system and which meet the general eligibility provisions of the permit. Coverage under the permit, as proposed, was allowed for owners and operators of these types of industrial activities regardless of whether or not they participated in a group application. Several commenters expressed concern that owners/ operators of facilities which did not participate in the group application process will be eligible for coverage under the multi-sector general permit, and suggested that only those facilities that participated in the group process be allowed coverage under the permit.

EPA set forth the storm water permit application process (including group applications) in the storm water regulations published in November, 1990 (55 FR 47990). EPA's strategy, as stated in this notice, was to regulate storm water discharges from industrial activity by promulgating a baseline general permit for most industrial dischargers (Tier 1), and then to develop more specific industry and/or watershed general permits (Tiers 2 & 3). An integral part of the process to develop