



Karen has a terrific background for this position. Over the years, she's worked on environmental issues with every group from the legislature to private corporations to non-profit environmental organizations.

I know you're all aware of permitting activities surrounding N.P.D.E.S., (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System)

With the assistance of the EPA, MPCA and Karen, we have been able to work out a plan that spells out how the process will work.

The EPA has given its written approval to this plan. We do not anticipate any problems with the process and the commissioner will recuse herself from certain decisions. There should be no disruption in the manner in which the permits will be issued or the way the policy-making is handled.

Karen has a law degree, so she knows the court system. She knows the history of the important environmental cases.

Here's one of my favorite things about Karen: she wants to make sure we're not spending money needlessly and she wants to repeal laws we don't need.