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> In Re: Government of the District of Columbia, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

Docket Nos. NPDES Appeal No. 06-07 and 06-08

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five copies of a Joint Status Report in the above-captioned matter.

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## BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AUG 10 AM 10: 21 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In Re:	
Government of the District of Columbia,  Municipal Separate Storm Sewer  System  )	Appeal Number: NPDES No. 06-07 Appeal Number: NPDES No. 06-08
NPDES Permit No. DC 0000221 )	
Government of the District of Columbia, )	
Friends of the Earth and Defenders of Wildlife, )	
Petitioners, )	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III,	
Respondent. )	

### Joint Status Report

Pursuant to the Order of the Board dated June 13, 2007, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, hereby advises the Board of the status of the parties' settlement negotiations and the likelihood of resolving this matter short of litigation.

The parties have met twice since the June 8, 2007 status conference in this case, on July 5 and August 8, 2007. An additional conference is scheduled among the parties for August 15, 2007. Based on those meetings, as well as information exchanged among the parties to this action, all parties believe that considerable progress has been made in the settlement discussions, and that settlement is still worth pursuing. The parties are continuing to work toward reaching a

final resolution of this matter by the September 14, 2007 deadline for the Region to file a consolidated brief in response to the two petitions for review.

Respectfully submitted this That day of August 2007

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I hereby certify that the original and five copies of the of the foregoing Joint Status Report in the matter of Government of the District of Columbia, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08, were sent to the Clerk, Environmental Appeals Board, by facsimile and first mail. In addition, I hereby certify that true and correct copies of same were faxed and mailed in the same manner to the following persons:

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