

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Mr. William Early, Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region 3 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

> Re: District Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Number: DC 0021199 Appeal Number: NPDES 06-07

Dear Mr. Early:

Enclosed is a petition dated April 12, 2006 (received by the Environmental Appeals Board on April 12, 2006), filed by David E. Evans, attorney, McGuire Woods, on behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, asking the Environmental Appeals Board to review a permit determination issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, in this case.

To assist the Environmental Appeals Board in deciding whether the matters raised by petitioners should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses the petitioners' contentions and whether petitioners have satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. §124.19(a). Include relevant portions of the administrative record with the response, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record. Please file an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials no later than May 29, 2006, and send a copy of the response and the certified index to petitioners with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service.¹

¹ The petition in the instant case challenges Amendment No. 1 to NPDES Permit No. DC0021199, which Region 3 issued in final form on March 13, 2006. Notably, two other appeals of NPDES Permit No. DC0021199 are currently pending before the Board: NPDES Appeal Nos. 05-01 and 05-02. These cases are stayed until May 16, 2006, while the parties engage in settlement negotiations. The Region must file a response to the two appeals by that date unless the parties request an extension of the stay, move to dismiss the petitions, or take other measures to extend the response period.

All documents, including the materials due May 29, 2006, must reference the appeal number. **IMPORTANT**: In addition, any envelope or other packaging containing documents sent to the Environmental Appeals Board's mailing address or hand-delivery address, as prescribed below, must bear a complete and accurate return address in the upper left hand corner. The envelope or

packaging must also clearly state the case name and appeal number in the lower left hand corner.

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To the extent that NPDES Appeal Nos. 05-01, 05-02, and 06-07 overlap, are related in any way, or may have effects on each other, we ask that the Region clarify such matters for the Board in its response to NPDES Appeal No. 06-07.

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A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioners as notification of these filing requirements.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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