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January 10, 2008

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Clerk of the Board
Environmental Appeals Board
Colorado Building
1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority
Permit No. DC 0021199

Dear Ms. Durr:

On January 8, 2008, the Office of Inspector General for the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued an evaluation report entitled *Despite Progress, EPA Needs to Improve Oversight of Wastewater Upgrades in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed*. The number one recommendation made by the Inspector General and agreed to by the Administrator was:

We recommend that the EPA Region 3 Regional Administrator instruct staff to:

Review and comment on State-drafted NPDES permits for significant facilities to ensure that interim construction milestones are included in compliance schedules longer than 1 year to meet the Chesapeake Bay allocations. The milestones should include:

- design completion
- construction start
- construction completion
- compliance with permit limits

Given the relevance of this recommendation to the matters currently pending before the Board, I ask that a copy of the report be made available to the Board. I have sent you a copy electronically. In addition, the following internet address will take you directly to the report: <http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2008/20080108-08-P-0049.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 443-482-2162.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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