

EXHIBIT 6

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US EPA, Region III
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Jerry Johnson, General Manager
DC Water and Sewer Authority
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Re: District of Columbia Certification of NPDES Draft Permit, DC0021199

Dear Mr. Capacasa and Mr. Johnson:

The District of Columbia (D.C.), Department of Health (DOH) has examined the NPDES Draft Modified Permit, DC0021199 issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) to authorize the discharge from the Blue Plains Waste Water Treatment facility and other outfalls, to receiving waters named Anacostia River, Potomac River and Rock Creek.

The permit is modified to incorporate elements of the Final D.C. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) prepared by WASA in July 2002. The fundamental purpose of the LTCP is to control CSOs to meet water quality standards and the LTCP is based on the CSO Policy's demonstration approach. Under that approach, the LTCP must meet CSO Policy criteria at II.C.4.b.i and ii. Because the permit requires implementation of specific CSO controls (e.g. the WASA LTCP), the permit and/or Fact Sheet must provide certification that the controls are designed to meet water quality standards under the criteria at II.C.4.b.i and ii. The Fact Sheet provides this certification.

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It is hereby certified that the draft permit will not violate the Water Quality Standards of the District of Columbia, Title 21 of the District of Columbia Municipal Register, Chapter 19, and is in accordance with any approved water quality management plans.

Also, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, it is hereby certified that the draft permit will comply with the applicable provisions of Section 208(c), 301, 302, 303, 306, 307 and 402(q) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et sec.

Therefore, it is hereby authorized that the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority be allowed to discharge from the Blue Plain Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant and other outfalls, stated in the draft modified permit, with the receiving waters being the Potomac River, the Anacostia River, Rock Creek, and their tributaries.

We find no conditions, monitoring requirements, or other provisions which would place more stringent limitations on the draft permit.

This certification will automatically become final for a final Permit issued within ninety (90) days of this certification.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Jerusalem Bekele, Program Manager Water Quality Division at (202) 535-1603.

Sincerely,



James R. Collier, P.E.

cc: Jerusalem Bekele, Program Manager, WQD
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