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Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, November 5, 2007

The above-entitled matter came on

for ORAL ARGUMENT at approximately 1:34 p.m. at the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

BEFORE:

KATHIE A. STEIN EDWARD E. REICH ANNA L. WOLGAST Presiding Judges

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1	APPEARANCES:	1	The Chesapeake Bay Foundation shall
2	On behalf of D.C. Water and Sewer Authority:	2	proceed second; it has been allocated 15
3	DAVID E. EVANS, ESQUIRE	3	minutes for argument, and may reserve up to
4		4	five minutes of its time for rebuttal. Earth
5	On behalf of Chesapeake Bay Foundation:	5	Justice, representing the Sierra Club and
	JON A. MUELLER, ESQUIRE	6	Friends of the Earth, shall proceed third,
6	John Mollelen, Esquite	7	and similarly may reserve up to five minutes
7	On behalf of Friends of the Earth/Sierra Club:	8	of its 15-minute allotment for rebuttal; and
8	JENNIFER CHAVEZ, ESQUIRE	9	EPA, the permit issuer, has 30 minutes for
9		10	argument and shall go last.
10	On behalf of Environmental Protection Agency:	11	This is an important and a complex
	DEANE BARTLETT, ESQUIRE	12	matter, and the Board will be most interested
11	DEALE DARTEETT, ESQUIKE	12	in asking you questions that focus on a
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13			couple of different areas: one, the
14		15	compliance schedule issues to the
15		16	anti-backsliding issues, and to some extent,
16 17		17	the water quality standard issues in the
18		18	FOE/Sierra Club's brief.
19		19	While you're free to use your time
20		20	as you see fit, these are the areas where I
21		21	believe the Board would benefit most from
22		22	your arguments. You should assume that the
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1	PROCEEDINGS	1	Board has read and is familiar with your
2	CLERK: The Environmental Appeals	2	briefs, understanding of course that this is
3	Board of the United States Environmental	3	a complicated matter, and any clarity you can
4	Protection Agency is now in session for oral	4	bring to the issues would be most
5	argument. In re: District of Columbia Water	5	appreciated.
6	and Sewer Authority, Docket No. DC0021199	6	If the parties could please
7	NPDES appeal numbers 05-02, 07-10, 07-11, and	7	identify themselves for the record, and let
8	07-12. Honorable Judges Anna Wolgast, Kathie	8	me know whether or not you'll be reserving
9	Stein, and Ed Reich presiding.	9	any time for rebuttal, beginning with counsel
10	Please be seated.	10	for WASA.
11	JUDGE STEIN: Good morning,	11	MR. EVANS: Good afternoon. If it
12	everyone. We're hearing argument this	12	please the Board, my name is David Evans. I
13	morning, or actually this afternoon, in four	13	represent the District of Columbia Water and
14	different appeals, and we have three	14	Sewer Authority in these appeals. I'd like
15	different Petitioners, as I understand it.	15	to reserve five minutes of my time for
16	The Board has issued an order allocating a	16	rebuttal.
17	total of 90 minutes for oral argument.	17	These are consolidated appeals of
18	Washington Area Scwer Authority, or	18	amendments to the NPDES permit for the Blue
	WASA, the permittee, shall proceed first, and	19	Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant,
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19		20	and the combined and separate sanitary sewer
19 20	shall have 30 minutes for argument, of which	20 21	and the combined and separate sanitary sewer systems that serve Blue Plains. The relevant
19		20 21 22	and the combined and separate sanitary sewer systems that serve Blue Plains. The relevant facts related to Blue Plains and history of

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1	the plant and the permit amendments are set	1	and therefore intended that that compliance
2	forth in quite some detail in the briefs, so	2	schedule be included in the permit.
3	I won't take the time to repeat those here.	3	JUDGE STEIN: But as to Appeal No.
4	However, of course, if the Board has any	4	05-02, am I correct in understanding that
5	questions about the Blue Plains plant or its	5	they did not say anything in their
6	history, I'll be happy to answer those.	6	certification about the compliance schedule?
7	I'd like to address the issues in	7	MR. EVANS: I don't believe they
8	the order listed by the Board, and then move	8	did, Your Honor.
9	onto WASA's appeal of the effluent limitation	9	JUDGE REICH: What significance do
10	for total nitrogen.	10	you think that has, since they expressly
11	Turning first to the compliance		included it relative to the nitrogen limit?
12	schedule issues. There are two compliance	12	MR. EVANS: I think there were a
13	schedules at issue here. The first is the	13	different set of circumstances when the
14	compliance schedule for the Long Term Control	14	limit was established for the Long Term
15	Plan derived performance standards for the	15	Control Plan performance standards, that was
16	District's combined sewer system. And the	16	part of a package that included not only the
17	second is the compliance schedule for the	17	permit amendment, also a consent decree that
18	effluent limitation for total nitrogen.	18	included a compliance schedule in it.
19	Both involve the same basic	19	So the District of Columbia
20	question; namely, does the compliance	20	government was fully aware of the fact that a
21	schedule provision in the District of	21	compliance schedule had been established in
22	Columbia's Water Quality Standards Regulation	22	the consent decree, and so I think it could
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1	impose upon the Region a non-discretionary	1	be safely assumed that the District felt that
$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\2 \end{vmatrix}$	duty to include schedules in the permit when	2	there was no need to mention a compliance
$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	establishing effluent limitations in the Long	3	schedule in the certification because it had
4	Term Control Plan performance standards and	4	already had been addressed as part of the
5	the effluent limitation for total nitrogen.	5	consent decree.
6	WASA submits that it does, and that EPA	6	JUDGE REICH: But if their
7	committed error when it refused to include	7	requirements were that it had to be included
8	compliance schedules in the permit in	8	in the permit, and they knew it wasn't in the
9	establishing these limitations.	9	permit, why would they not have mentioned
10	JUDGE STEIN: Mr. Evans, in the	10	that? I mean, your answer seems to suggest
11	certification the District of Columbia	11	that they thought it was acceptable to put it
12	provided with respect to the compliance	12	in the consent decree, which seems
13	schedule for the Long Term Control Plan, did	13	inconsistent with the argument that that
14	they include anything in their certification	14	provision is mandatory?
15	pertaining to the compliance schedule issue?	15	MR. EVANS: Your Honor, I think we
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1	the schedule go in a consent decree, we don't	1	inconsistent with putting a compliance
2	believe that they could have specified	2	schedule in the consent decree and also
3	otherwise. The regulation is mandatory.	3	putting it in the permit. Had EPA wanted to,
4	I think it's well-established in	4	they could've put the compliance schedule in
5	the law that certifications, permits or other	5	the consent decree, which they did,
6	forms of individual authorizations cannot be	6	commensurate with the Phase I CSO permit, and
7	used to modify a rule. We have a rule here	7	at the time and this is exactly what WASA
8	that was adopted following notice and the	8	asked the Region to do ask EPA okay, we
9	opportunity for comment. The formal	9	have a compliance schedule in the consent
10	certification did not go through any public	10	decree, we also want to have a compliance in
11	comment period.	11	the permit as well, and we believe that the
12	So to interpret D.C.'s water	12	Region is obligated to put that schedule in
13	quality certification in the case of the	13	the permit by virtue of a mandate of the
14	total nitrogen effluent limitation as	14	District of Columbia regulation.
15	effectively having superseded the clear	15	JUDGE STEIN: How does the D.C.
16	mandate of its own regulation, would in	16	regulation interface with 122.47 40 CFR,
17	effect allow the District to have modified a	17	which is the schedules of compliance in
18	rule that had been through full public	18	the federal permitting regulation? Why is it
19	comment review.	19	that EPA needs to adhere to the schedule of
20	JUDGE STEIN: Go ahead.	20	compliance specified in the D.C. reg rather
21	JUDGE REICH: I was trying to	21	than what's in the federal regulation?
22	understand your earlier statement that the	22	MR. EVANS: I think we looked at
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1	those cases in essence is that we first look	1	aware of anything.
2	to whether or not there is authorization in	2	JUDGE REICH: Okay.
3	the state water quality standard regulation	3	JUDGE STEIN: Is it your reading of
4	for including a compliance schedule. If that	4	D.C. regulations that whatever compliance
5	authorization in essence confers upon EPA	5	schedule is in the consent decree would need
6	discretionary authority, then EPA uses its	6	to be identical to what would be put in the
7	own regulations, 40 CFR 122, for purposes of	7	permit? Or is there some room to have
8	determining whether to put the schedule in	8	perhaps a more general schedule in the permit
9	the permit, and if so, what that schedule	9	and a more specific schedule in the consent
10	should be.	10	decree?
11	In this particular case, we have a	11	MR. EVANS: Your Honor, I think in
12	water quality standard regulation which not	12	instances where such as this where you
13	only authorizes a compliance schedule in the	13	have a schedule both in the consent decree
14	permit, but mandates that the schedule be	14	and the permit, it would probably the more
15	included in the permit. And I think if you	15	appropriate way to go about dealing with that
16	look to the holdings in the two Star-Kist	16	would be to have a more detailed schedule in
17	Caribe decisions, they effectively stand for	17	the consent decree, and have a more general
18	the proposition within this particular	18	schedule with probably an end date, and some
19	case where we have a water quality	19	interim milestones and reporting requirements
20	standards regulation that mandates that the	20	in the permit itself.
21	schedule go in the permit then that	21	And I do think that having a
22	mandate overrides and supersedes the	22	consent decree in place in this particular
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	discretionary authority that EPA has under	1	instance certainly I think would limit the
2	its own regulations.	2	extent to which you could have a schedule in
3	JUDGE REICH: Is there any case law	3	the permit that would be at variance or at
4	or guidance or anything else other than the	4	odds with that judicial consent decree
5	plain language of the regulation that	5	schedule. And if obviously, to the extent
6	addresses the issue of whether this is	6	you did, then it would require some
7	mandatory or discretionary?	7	modification to the consent decree.
8	MR. EVANS: I'm not aware of any	8	Certainly I don't think that would be
9	other than case law, which generally holds	9	appropriate in this particular case.
10	that you first give plain reading to the	10	JUDGE STEIN: So how does this work
11	JUDGE REICH: Right.	11	in real world terms? You come across a
12	MR. EVANS: Language of the rule or	12	circumstance, there needs to be a change
13	statute.	13	to a provision in the consent decree, you
14	JUDGE REICH: Right.	14	would need to both modify the consent decree
15	MR. EVANS: Probably the most	15	and modify the permit?
16	notable and recent example of that is the	16	MR. EVANS: To the extent that they
17	recent TMDL decision by the D.C. Circuit,	17	involved the same interim milestones or
18	where the D.C. Circuit held that daily means	18	deadlines, but to the extent that you have a
19	daily. We think the word shall means shall.	19	consent decree with a more detailed schedule
20	JUDGE REICH: It is nothing	20	in it, more detailed interim milestones, and
21	specific to 1105.9?	21	a permit that has a more general schedule in
22	MR. EVANS: No, Your Honor, I'm not	22	it, to the extent that you're only involved
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1	with modifications of the interim milestones	1	on the final language in the permit. In
2	that are not present in the permit,	2	fact, in WASA's view, the Friends of the
3	obviously, you'd just be dealing with the	3	Earth and Sierra Club had more than adequate
4	consent decree.	4	opportunity to have a fair opportunity to
5	JUDGE WOLGAST: And again, looking	5	comment on that particular condition, and
6	from a practical standpoint, what is WASA's	6	should've been well aware that the sentence
7	potential liability whether there is a	7	would be deleted with the final amendment.
8	compliance schedule in the permit or not?	8	Now, if you look at the history of
9	MR. EVANS: Your Honor, WASA	9	this amendment, it goes back several years,
10	maintained its position on the compliance	10	it's been a very contentious amendment.
11	schedule for the Long Term Control Plan for	11	There've been different versions of this
12	two reasons. One, of course, it places great	12	particular condition in prior amendments to
13	value on its compliance status, and the	13	this permit, and in each of those cases, this
14	reality is that without a compliance schedule	14	permit condition was vigorously contested by
15	in the permit, it is in ongoing	15	WASA and by Friends of the Earth and the
16	non-compliance with its permit. So this is a	16	Sierra Club, with WASA arguing that the
17	question it really goes to maintaining	17	condition should be taken out altogether;
18	WASA's compliance status with its permit.	18	Friends of the Earth arguing on various
19	Secondly, Section 13 of the consent	19	occasions that the condition should be made
20	decree while it does dissolve all claims	20	more expansive, should apply not only to the
21	against WASA at the time the consent decree	21	period of implementation of the Long Term
22	was entered, there's an express reservation	22	Control Plan, but also the period following
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1	had proposed to change it in several	1	comments that were submitted on the last
2	fashions, have it apply at various times or	2	round in which the language was deleted, but
3	another. In each one of these successive	3	the comments that were submitted on previous
4	amendments and the fact this went up on	4	rounds.
5	appeal to this Board a couple of times and	5	Certainly and the case law holds
6	in each of these instance, WASA consistently	6	that basically when you in analyzing these
7	maintained that the prohibition should come	7	types of issues, you look at whether or
8	out altogether. And so certainly, the	8	not were the issues on the table, and was
9	Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club are well	9	the final result a logical outgrowth of the
10	aware of the fact that in response to	10	comments that were submitted? We believe
11	WASA's specific comment, that the Region	11	that the only way that you conclude in this
12	could decide to delete that provision.	12	particular case that this condition ought to
13	JUDGE STEIN: But do you look at	13	be remanded because Friends of the Earth and
14	WASA's comments, or do you look at what the	14	Sierra Club didn't have an adequate
15	agency is proposing as a mechanism for	15	opportunity to comment, would be if you
16	determining whether or not they had a fair	16	concluded that EPA could never change a
17	opportunity to comment? I mean surely, it's	17	permit condition from the proposal.
18	not someone's job to scour everybody else's	18	And of course, the courts have
19	comments to see what they're proposing as a	19	consistently held that EPA, as long as
20	mechanism for determining what the agency's	20	the changes they make to conditions are
21	asking, is there?	21	responsive comments as long as under the
22	MR. EVANS: Your Honor, I might	22	facts and circumstance of the case, if the
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1	agree that that would've been the case had	1	issues were on the table so that all parties
2	this amendment come up one time, had this	2	had fair notice of the issues and the
3	been the first opportunity for all of the	3	possible outcome, we believe that they had a
4	parties to have participated in commenting on	4	fair fair opportunity to comment.
5	this particular amendment.	5	JUDGE STEIN: Shouldn't we just
6	There possibly could be some	6	exclusively be looking to the provision of
7	plausible argument in that instance.	7	Part 124 that talks about whether there's a
8	But in this particular instance,	8	substantial new question that's raised,
9	and we believe that when the Board is called	9	rather than the logical outgrowth cases? I
10	upon to decide issues about having about	10	mean, it strikes me that in this case, we
11	fair opportunity and notice to comment, and	11	have a regulation that specifically applies
12	having a meaningful say in the outcome of an	12	to this kind of permit proceeding. Why isn't
13	administrative process, you look at the	13	that the test that we should be looking at?
14	circumstances of each individual case.	14	MR. EVANS: I think under either
15			test, the Sierra Club's and Friends of the
110	When you look at the circumstance	15	
16	of this case and the history of this	16	Earth's petition fails here. I mean, the
17	of this case and the history of this amendment, and the comments back and forth,	16 17	Earth's petition fails here. I mean, the reality is and another point that we made
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1	cannot see in their petition or in any of the	1	MR. EVANS: And the Long Term
2	briefs that they've failed any instance or	2	Control Planning process, which is the water
3	example of how they would've filed comments	3	quality planning element of the CSO control
4	that would've been any different from the	4	policy, was designed to lead to a plan that
5	comments that they would've filed had EPA	5	would, either through one or two approaches,
6	specifically proposed to delete the provision	6	provide for compliance with water quality
7	in its entirety.	7	standards.
8	JUDGE STEIN: Could you walk	8	JUDGE REICH: Both narrative and
9	us moving to the merits of this challenge	9	MR. EVANS: Both narrative and
10	as opposed to the procedural piece, could you	10	numeric. And that Phase I permit again had
11	walk us through the relationship between the	11	both water quality-based and technology-based
12	Phase I and the Phase II permit? I mean,	12	requirements the technology-based
13	frankly, there've been so many different	13	requirements were the so-called Nine Minimum
14	iterations of this that it's a little	14	Controls. These controls in essence called
15	difficult to track what's in and what's out,	15	for maximizing the operation and maintenance
16	but I'm most interested in the differences	16	of the system, recognizing that until the
17	between the 1997 permit and the current	17	Long Term Control Plan is completed, it's not
18	permit, and how these pieces fit together,	18	possible or it's not feasible or prudent to
19	and why you believe that the current permit	19	put in place large-scale capital projects.
20	is not less stringent?	20	So the Phase I permit that was
21	MR. EVANS: Your Honor, the process	21	issued in 1997 had the Nine Minimum Controls
22	here, the Phase I, Phase II CSO permit	22	in it, technology-based requirement, it also
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1	provisions are set forth in some detail in	1	had a water quality-based requirement
2	the CSO policy, but to summarize, the process	2	pursuant to the permit, and that was the
3	is basically this: CSO communities like WASA	3	discharge prohibition. And that discharge
4	receive a Phase I permit at the outset of	4	prohibition basically said that WASA could
5	their programs; that Phase I permit has both	5	not have any discharges from the combined
6	technology-based requirements and water	6	system CSO discharge combined system
7	quality requirements in it. Keeping in mind,	7	that would cause or contribute to a violation
8	the Phase I permits are issued at the outset	8	of the water quality standards in excess of
9	of the Long Term Control Plan process, at the	9	any limitation necessary to meet the water
10	outset of the process of actually developing	10	quality standards. So the original
11	your CSO control program.	11	prohibition was in there.
112	your Coorcontrol program.		
12	JUDGE REICH: Can I go back one	12	WASA never objected to that,
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2 That Long	Term Control Plan was completed and	2	enhancing your system to do whatever else
	to EPA and ultimately accepted by	3	needs to be done to come into compliance.
	he District of Columbia government	4	And it's that point that's the heart of the
5 in 2003.	Ū.	5	dispute over this water quality standards
6 Onc	e they accepted that, then we	6	prohibition, because and our view, it's
7 went abou	t the process of establishing	7	fundamentally inconsistent with the policy to
8 performan	ce standards for that system. And	8	retain that water quality standards
9 those perfe	ormance standards reflected a	9	prohibition language in the policy, because
10 determinat	ion that EPA and the District of	10	in essence, it would be fundamentally
11 Columbia	government had made that once	11	inconsistent with the policy.
12 implement	ed, these controls, if they were	12	The policy in essence provides that
13 functionin	g as they were designed and set	13	once you complete that Long Term Control Plan
14 forth in th	e Long Term Control Plan, would	14	in the demonstration approach, you go ahead
15 provide fo	r compliance with water quality	15	and do your monitoring, your obligation at
16 standards.		16	that point is to upgrade your program.
17 I mi	ght add, the CSO policy	17	You're not the policy doesn't intend for
18 provides f	or two separate ways of making the	18	discharge to be deemed to be a non-compliance
19 demonstra	tion required in the policy you'd	19	with a permit. If you retain that water
20 either use	the presumption approach, which in	20	quality standards prohibition in the permit,
21 essence is	an approach which calls for so	21	if WASA were to go out and do its
22 many over	flows per year, or a percent removal	22	post-construction monitoring program, and if
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1 requireme	ent, or you can use a demonstration	1	in fact that manitoring showed non compliance
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3	policy. The way the policy is	3	narrative water quality standards compliance
4	structured what the policy in essence says	4	condition. What it says is that the water
5	is that we understand that communities like	5	quality-based provisions of that permit
6	WASA, the District of Columbia, are being	6	should be under the demonstration
7	called upon to undertake massive expenditures	7	approach, should be performance standards
8	to install these systems, and and we've	8	derived from the Long Term Control Plan.
9	set forth a process.	9	JUDGE STEIN: Yeah, I have a
10	You develop your Long Term Control	10	question about that. Because as I read the
11	Plan, your Long Term Control Plan is	11	CSO policy in the middle column of the
12	approved, we impose an obligation to	12	Federal Register at 18696, it said your
13	implement that Long Term Control Plan. Once	13	Phase II permit should include the
14	you complete that Long Term Control Plan, you	14	technology-based controls, narrative
15	go ahead and you monitor for compliance. If	15	requirements, as well as water quality
16	you cannot show compliance with the water	16	effluent limitations. So why would you not
17	quality standards, you upgrade your system.	17	continue to retain this language in the form
18	The policy is structured, very	18	of some kind of a narrative limitation that
19	carefully structured in a way so as to avoid	19	was in the prior permit?
20	putting communities like WASA and the	20	MR. EVANS: If you read the Phase I
21	District of Columbia into non-compliance with	21	and the Phase II provisions together, we
22	their permit as long as they're doing what	22	think that there was a clear I mean, it
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2	for WASA to in essence be out of compliance	2	prohibition is inconsistent with the CSO
3	with water quality standards for an extended	3	policy; they've said they weren't given fair
4	period of time?	4	notice, they said it violates
5	MR. EVANS: The policy itself,	5	anti-backsliding.
6	which of course as this Board knows has been	6	So we believe that they have
7	incorporated into the Clean Water Act at	7	effectively conceded that the deletion of the
8	Section 402(q). If you look at the structure	8	narrative discharge prohibition is consistent
9	of the policy, it set up a special	9	with the CSO policy, which again is
10	programming process for combined sewer	10	incorporated into Section 402(q) of the Clean
11	systems.	11	Water Act. We don't believe that you can
12	In essence, what it said is that	12	persuasively argue that the deletion is or
13	we're going to we have a set of	13	at least acknowledge the deletion is
14	technology-based and water quality-based	14	consistent with Section 402(q) of the Clean
15	requirements that we're going to impose on	15	Water Act, while at the same time asserting
16	CSO communities. If they follow that	16	that it violates the anti-backsliding
17	process if they follow that process and do	17	provisions of Section 402(0).
18	what is required of them in the Long Term	18	And if nothing else, you've got to
19	Control Plan, we're not going to hold them	19	read those two together. So again, without
20	liable and subject to non-compliance and	20	having asserted that it's inconsistent with
21	enforcement action as long as they do what	21	the policy, they must've acknowledged it's
22	the policy calls for them to do under both	22	consistent with the policy to accept their
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1	the technology-based requirements and the	1	argument would in essence would be to read a
2	water quality-based requirements.	2	conflict between 402(q) and Section 402(o).
3	JUDGE REICH: Can I go back to my	3	Now, if there were no policy today
4	question in the sense that if we had the same	4	JUDGE REICH: Uh-huh.
5	circumstances we have today, but there were	5	MR. EVANS: And the permit was
6	no formal EPA CSO policy it was just	6	written the way it's written, I don't think
7	something that was done ad hoc in this case,	7	there would be an anti-backsliding problem,
8	would the permit violate the anti-backsliding	8	because I don't think it would be
9	provision in that case?	9	anti-backsliding, because there's only
10	MR. EVANS: If	10	backsliding if in fact the new effluent
11	JUDGE REICH: I'm trying to ask in	11	limitation is less stringent than the
12	essence whether you are saying the CSO policy	12	effluent limitation that it replaced in the
13	provides an exception to the anti-backsliding	13	previous permit.
14	requirement, or would you say the	14	Here we have numeric sites we
15	anti-backsliding requirement still would not	15	have numeric Long Term Control Plan-derived
16	be applicable even if there were no CSO	16	performance standards which impose rigorous
17	policy?	17	numeric criteria on the combined system,
18	MR. EVANS: Let me address the	18	which by their very nature are not present in
19	policy first. And the point I want to make	19	a narrative prohibition.
20	here is that we think it's appropriate to	20	So we believe our position is that
21	note that the Friends of the Earth and Sierra	21	the Long Term Control Plan-derived specific
22	Club have not alleged in their petitions that	22	performance standards are more stringent,
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1	certainly equally stringent to the discharge	1	at bottom to be saying that the CSO policy
2	prohibition. So if the condition is not less	2	sets up a scheme that is inherently
3	stringent, there's no backsliding, we don't	3	inconsistent with the anti-backsliding
4	think anti-backsliding even comes into play.	4	provision of the Act, in the sense that the
5	JUDGE STEIN: But the	5	original plan with the 3(e)(1) language, it
6	CLERK: Go ahead.	6	may have been less specific, but it did
7	JUDGE REICH: Uh-huh.	7	prohibit discharges in amounts that exceeded
8	JUDGE STEIN: Provisions are	8	water quality standards.
9	different. I mean, you clearly have a	9	Now we have more specific
10	difference between what existed before and	10	provisions, but we also all acknowledge there
11	what EPA is proposing to do now. Isn't it	11	is a delta in which there will be discharges
12	conceivable that it may be more stringent in	12	that exceed water quality standards, and
13	some areas, but less stringent in other	13	that's what I'm trying to I think you hear
14	areas?	14	some frustration of how these things fit
15	MR. EVANS: No, Your Honor they	15	together with the anti-backsliding provision
16	may be different, but they're different for a	16	of the Act.
17	specific purpose, and consistent with the CSO	17	MR. EVANS: Well, the fundamental
18	policy. But they cover the same subject	18	question is whether or not the limitation is
19	matter. The narrative discharge prohibition	19	less stringent, and we believe to look at
20	basically is designed to hold WASA or any	20	whether or not the limitation was less
21	other CSO community liable for water quality	21	stringent, we have to look to what what do
22	standards violations that may be caused by	22	those effluent limitations what do those
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1	its combined system.	1	permit conditions require WASA to do.
2	The Long Term Control Plan-derived	2	JUDGE WOLGAST: So you're saying
3	performance standards are designed to are	3	that because the provisions themselves that
4	in essence a translation of the elements of	4	are on the books eventually will get to the
5	the Long Term Control Plan for which WASA	5	same place, those specific provisions or
6	would be held liable and they're all based	6	limitations don't constitute
7	upon compliance with water quality standards,	7	anti-backsliding, even if in between, we know
8	WASA would be liable if it fails to comply	8	on the ground there's going to be discharges
9	with those performance standards.	9	that violate water quality standards?
10	Both at the heart of it, both of	10	MR. EVANS: That's correct, Your
11	them are the water quality-based effluent	11	Honor. Take, for example, if EPA were to
12	limitations for a combined system under the	12	enforce against WASA, or the citizens' group
13	CSO policy. Under Phase I permit, that water	13	were to enforce against WASA for
14	quality-based effluent limitation is a	14	non-compliance with water quality standards
15	narrative discharge prohibition; under the	15	under the narrative discharge prohibition,
16	Phase II permit, it's the performance	16	and let's say that enforcement action was
		1 1 77	began while the narrative discharge
17	standards derived from the Long Term Control	17	ε
18	Plan. Yes, they're very different, but they	17 18	prohibition was still in the permit and yet
18 19	Plan. Yes, they're very different, but they do the same thing, or they're intended to do	3	prohibition was still in the permit and yet we had an approved Long Term Control Plan
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18 19	Plan. Yes, they're very different, but they do the same thing, or they're intended to do	18 19	prohibition was still in the permit and yet we had an approved Long Term Control Plan

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1	with water quality standards, we believe that	1	So yes, you may you have a
2	in that enforcement action, the injunctive	2	JUDGE REICH: But neither of those
3	relief that the court would enter against	3	goes to the question of meeting the current
4	WASA would be to implement the Long Term	4	water quality standards.
5	Control Plan and achieve compliance with the	5	MR. EVANS: Unquestionably, whether
6	Long Term Control Plan compliance standard.	6	you've got a narrative discharge prohibition
7	So ordering compliance with a	7	or a Long Term Control Plan-derived
8	narrative discharge prohibition and ordering	8	performance standards, the reality is, until
9	compliance with the Long Term Control Plan	9	these massive and right now the total cost
10	performance standards is the same thing	10	of this is over \$2 billion until these
11	JUDGE WOLGAST: But if that's the	11	massive controls are installed, and the
12	case, then why is it so important to have the	12	reality is you can't snap your fingers and
13	compliance schedule in the permit itself, if	13	install them and whether you got one
14	that's if an enforcement action on this	14	condition or another, you're still going to
15	permit would end up at the same place,	15	have a period in which the combined system
16	compliance with the Long Term Control Plan?	16	will violate water quality standards during
17	MR. EVANS: Because of the penalty	17	periods of rainfall
18	issue, Your Honor. WASA remains exposed to	18	JUDGE REICH: But doesn't including
19	potential penalties for non-compliance	19	it in a schedule sanction it in a way that
20	because of the exclusions built into the	20	responding to that a consent decree does not?
21	consent decree, and also because again,	21	I mean, putting it in the permit in essence
22	WASA places great value on its compliance	22	legitimatizes it, that's the reason that you
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1	status.	1	want it there, so you're not exposed to
2	JUDGE REICH: Would there be any	2	penalties. So it seems to suggest that it
3	difference in the analysis if we agreed with	3	reinforces the idea that there will be this
4	you that there should be a compliance	4	
5	schedule in the permit itself? If the permit	5	gap. MR. EVANS: First, Your Honor, I
6	contained a compliance schedule, doesn't that	6	don't believe that has to be the result. As
7	in essence show that the effluent limitations	7	I said before, one possible approach that
8	aren't going to be met for some substantial	8	states could take EPA or states could take
9	period of the time, and doesn't it aggravate	9	to this issue would be at the time that
10	the problem that Judge Wolgast was talking	10	narrative discharge prohibition is still in
11	about about a period in which as a practical	11	effect under the Phase I permit, you can
12	matter, the discharge limits have been	12	negotiate and enter a consent decree at that
13	•	ł	point in time, because there is
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1	relaxed? MR EVANS: No Your Hopor, Keep	13	•
14	MR. EVANS: No, Your Honor. Keep	14	non-compliance. Then once that Phase II
14 15	MR. EVANS: No, Your Honor. Keep in mind that during the period of	14 15	non-compliance. Then once that Phase II permit is issued, that includes the
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1	communities aren't getting a free ride here.	1	the facts and fine points of the rules and
2	WASA, unlike any other community in the	2	the regulations and the statute, I think it's
3	Metropolitan District area, and WASA's	3	very important for this Board to be aware of
4	ratepayers, the District ratepayers are	4	the bigger picture, and the reason why they
5	spending over \$2 billion to control this	5	Chesapeake Bay Foundation is involved in this
6	problem, and that's essentially what the	6	challenge, and why we believe that a
7	policy and Congress in adopting the policy in	7	compliance schedule is required in the
8	the Clean Water Act recognizes.	8	permit. And that is that the Chesapeake Bay
9	If we're going to ask communities,	9	is impaired.
10	and not all communities a relatively small	10	And D.C., EPA and all of the states
11	percentage of communities in the United	11	in the Bay region, signed an agreement that
12	States have combined systems if we're	12	said they were going to get the Bay off the
13	going to ask this small subset of	13	303(d) list by 2010. Well, it's 2007, right
14	municipalities in this country to bear the	14	on the cusp of 2008, and we still have one of
15	extraordinary burden and there's no grant	15	the largest the largest pointsource in the
16	funding available to speak of for these	16	Bay region that hasn't complied, or even
17	programs if we're going to ask them to	17	begun to come into compliance with a standard
18	bear this extraordinary burden of these	18	that will help the Bay get off that list.
19	combined systems, we're going to mandate	19	And so we believe that a compliance
20	these controls the least we can do is not	20	schedule has to be in the permit.
21	hold them in non-compliance while they're	21	Now, a couple of the points you
22	doing what they're supposed to be doing and	22	raised with Mr. Evans, and you asked about
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	we've asked them to do under the CSO control		what's the language in D.C. law, and how does
$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	policy.	2	the interplay with the Clean Water Act and
3	That's the fundamental rationale	3	the certification from EPA and I wanted to
4	for the way the policy is structured, it is a	4	kind of jump to that if we could. First, the
5	question of question of fundamental fairness	5	D.C. law that we believe is governing if I
6	and Congress endorsed that approach to	6	can get this to come over here
7	combined systems when it incorporated the	7	JUDGE STEIN: We can see it up
8	policy into the Clean Water Act.	8	here.
9	JUDGE STEIN: I believe your time	9	MR. MUELLER: Okay, great. They're
10	has been up for several minutes. So we	10	in the center of the page. D.C. statute
11	appreciate your answering our questions, and	11	says, "When the director requires a new water
12	if we could move on to Mr. Mueller.	12	quality standard based effluent
13	Will you be reserving any of your	13	limitation," which is what we have
14	time for rebuttal?	14	here "in a discharge permit, the permittee
15	MR. MUELLER: Yes, I am. Five	15	shall have no more than three years to
16	minutes, please.	16	achieve compliance with the limitation unless
17	JUDGE STEIN: Okay.	17	the permittee can demonstrate that a longer
18	MR. MUELLER: Good afternoon. Good	18	compliance period is warranted." And the
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19	to see you a couple of you again, it's been a	19	last sentence says, "The compliance schedule
20	few years. A pleasure to be here. I	20	shall be included in the permit."
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1	the permit. Now, the question has been	1	out to the Bay. So they've got to figure out
2	raised, well, did EPA waive that in its	2	how they're going to cut their load in half,
3	certification letter? And as Mr. Evans	3	that's not significant insignificant,
4	pointed out, that certification letter is not	4	that's a long way to go.
5	entirely clear on that point. It says in	5	And to issue a permit that has no
6	paragraph 2, "DDOE concurs with EPA that EPA	6	schedule, doesn't meet the requirements of
7	should establish a schedule for compliance	7	the Clean Water Act, let alone D.C. Code,
8	with a nitrogen limit."	8	because the Act says that and we agree
9	It doesn't say where.	9	that it's discretionary with the
10	And I believe it's important to	10	administrator whether to have a compliance
11	recognize, again, the bigger picture here in	11	schedule in the permit or not but we
12	the circumstances behind the certification	12	believe that that discretion is tempered when
13	letter, which was - on August 18, 2006, EPA	13	the Act requires that there are assurances
14	submitted a fact sheet about the proposed	14	that the water quality standards which this
15	permit that said there will be a compliance	15	permit is based upon will be met. And when
16	schedule, there is an interim compliance	16	you just issue a bare permit or just a number
17	schedule in the proposed permit, and there	17	and no schedule on how you're going to get
18	will be a compliance schedule in the final	18	there for the largest plant in the Bay
19	permit when it's issued it comes up for	19	watershed, indeed the world, we think there
20	re-issuance again in 2008.	20	is that is an abuse of discretion.
21	So EPA's on record saying in August	21	JUDGE STEIN: Are you proposing
22	that they're going to have a compliance	22	simply taking the existing consent decree and
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1	schedule in the normit. Then in December	1	
11	schedule in the permit. Then in December,	1	plugging it into the permit, or you're
2	after they've received comments on that first	1 2	plugging it into the permit, or you're talking about the nitrogen limit here
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2	that is water quality standards, and we	2	for compliance, 2010 deadline, and the amount
3	believe that the permit limit meets that	3	of work that needs to be done, we think there
4	water quality standard, because that's what	4	absolutely has to be a compliance schedule in
5	the Chesapeake Bay Program EPA's office,	5	the permit.
6	Bay program and the states agreed was the	6	The other issue is, we all know,
7	right number for Blue Plains. And so we	7	sadly, that oftentimes consent decrees are
8	believe that's going to help drive down the	8	written and things change and deals are made
9	nitrogen pollution to the Bay.	9	after the fact, the dates on the consent
10	And we believe therefore that the	10	decree slide, sometimes the region doesn't
11	administrator must look at this. I mean,	11	enforce it or the state doesn't enforce it,
12	it's the biggest one in the watershed. We've	12	and then citizens have to come in and do the
13	got to figure out how that one's going to	13	job.
14	come into compliance. If we don't give them	14	JUDGE REICH: Can I make sure I
15	a schedule, all the other little ones	15	understand what you're saying? I understand
16	throughout the Bay region are going to say,	16	you to be saying that you think that even if
17	wait a minute, you cut D.C. a break, why	17	it's a question of discretion, EPA would be
18	aren't you giving us a break? Why can't we	18	required by the facts to put a compliance
19	slide from the date that we have to meet	19	schedule in the permit, but what is your
20	that?	20	interpretation of 1105.9? Do you think EPA
21	JUDGE STEIN: If EPA were to enter	21	has discretion, or do you think that EPA has
22	into a consent decree with WASA, a judicially	22	no discretion under that provision?
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1	enforceable consent decree that had a	1	MR. MUELLER: Again, as Mr. Evans
2	schedule, why would that not be satisfactory	2	pointed out, we think this court has dealt
$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\3 \end{vmatrix}$	to the Bay Foundation?	3	with that issue in the Star-Kist Caribe case,
4	MR. MUELLER: Because it basically	4	in which it said EPA can impose its own
5	cuts out public process. You all have been	5	deadlines when a state has already done so.
6	there before. I mean, we know the process.	6	Here, D.C. has already imposed those
7	Citizens submit comments on a consent decree,	7	deadlines, and in fact gives them the ability
8	DoJ reads them, maybe they respond to them,	8	to have some wiggle room on that three-year
9	maybe they don't. The judge may never even	9	time period if they can show a reasonable
			time period if they can show a reasonable
1.10	know exactly the full extent of what the	10	reason for extending that compliance period
10	know exactly the full extent of what the comment is and the law is pretty clear that	10	reason for extending that compliance period. So we think EPA is bound by D C law
11	comment is, and the law is pretty clear that	11	So we think EPA is bound by D.C. law.
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	1	agreement that all these parties have signed	1	knowledge?
	2	onto basically is being cast aside, and the	2	MR. MUELLER: Not that I'm aware
	3	deadlines set in there that they all agreed	3	of. I mean, I know there are negotiations
	4	to seem to be getting pushed farther and	4	going on about that. We know that WASA has
	5	farther back.	5	submitted a plan; it's a very barebones
	6	In fact, the plan that we've seen	6	schedule about when they're going to do
	7	submitted by WASA suggests that they won't	7	design and when they're going to build
	8	even come into compliance until six or seven	8	certain portions of the total nitrogen wet
	9	years after EPA approves their plan. So if	9	weather program. But again, all we have are
	10	that is 2008, we're now you know,	10	kind of beginning and ending dates, and we
	11	2014-2015, and in some places we've seen	11	have no way of really drilling down to see if
	12	references that suggest it might be out as	12	those dates are reasonable ones.
	13	far as 10 years. So again, we feel like that	13	JUDGE STEIN: Okay, thank you.
	14	the public needs to have some input on their	14	MR. MUELLER: Thank you.
	15	compliance schedule. The only way to have	15	MS. CHAVEZ: Good afternoon, Board.
	16	that input is if it's in a permit, and we	16	My name is Jennifer Chavez. I'm here on
	17	need to have the ability to enforce those	17	behalf of Friends of the Earth and Sierra
	18	permit terms. And we can't do that if it's	18	Club. And we would like to reserve five
	19	in a consent decree.	19	minutes for rebuttal. As you know, Friends
	20	Thank you.	20	of the Earth and Sierra Club are challenging
	21	JUDGE STEIN: If there were to be a	21	the deletion of the water quality
	22	consent decree between EPA and WASA as to the	22	standards-based limitation in the prior
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	1	nitrogen compliance schedule, is there any	1	permit without notice for two reasons.
	2	ability of citizens to enforce that under the	2	First, the deletion of the language without
	3	citizen suit provision?	3	notice violated the notice and comment
	4	MR. MUELLER: Well, it's there	4	requirements.
	5	is some question about that, and in fact, I'm	5	Secondly, it violated the Act's
	6	only aware of one case out of the First	6	anti-backsliding provision. It did so both
	7	Circuit that suggests that. If there is a	7	with respect to the proposed permit which
	8	consent decree and this was a RCRA	8	proposed to phase out that requirement
	9	case if there is a consent decree out	9	decades in the future, but now also with
	10	there that has set time limits for a	10	respect to the time, the intervening time
	11	defendant to do something and they fail to do	11	between now and then. And those two effects
	12	it and EPA hasn't enforced those provisions,	12	differ. They're not the same, and that is
	13	if the citizens can come back in and show	13	what brings us back to the problem with the
	14	that there is some harm, then because it	14	lack of notice.
	15	was a RCRA case, then they were allowed to	15	Friends of the Earth and Sierra
	16	try to enforce that consent decree, but that	16	Club certainly were aware that this provision
	17	is a very rare factual scenario and a very	17	generally was on the table it's on the
	18	difficult hurdle.	18	table every time that the permit is proposed,
	19 20	Not certain whether it would apply	19	but EPA never once proposed to delete the
	20	here in the D.C. Circuit as well.	20	language. And as Your Honor pointed out,
	21	JUDGE STEIN: EPA hasn't proposed a	21	we're not required to sift through comments
l	22	compliance schedule at this point to your	22	or attempt to divine EPA's thoughts.

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1	If this is such an important	1	a chance to raise the challenge before a
2	provision, then certainly EPA was required to	2	court or an appeals board, but if they
3	give notice of its intention or if even of	3	haven't done so in public comment, for one
4	the fact that it was considering the	4	thing, they could be that it could be
5	possibility of deleting the water quality	5	decided that they did not properly or did not
6	standards limitation.	6	adequately raise the comment in the
7	Now, WASA has suggested that our	7	administrative proceedings, and therefore
8	position means that EPA could never change a	8	they're precluded somehow from raising it
9	permit between the proposed permit and the	9	later.
10	final permit; this is a fallacy. Of course,	10	More fundamentally, the citizens
11	the that is the entire purpose of the	11	have a right to comment have notice of a
12	committing commenting procedure, is to	12	proposed action and to comment on it, and
13	allow the public to potentially influence the	13	then to attempt to influence that decision.
14	final permit. But there are also	14	It could have been that it could have been
15	proceedings, procedures, as Your Honor	15	the case that the public could've persuaded
16	pointed out in 40 CFR 124 that provide that	16	EPA that its action that it took in the final
17	if a substantial question is raised during	17	permit was a violation of water I'm sorry,
18	the comment period, then EPA should propose a	18	of the anti-backsliding provision, and of the
19	new draft permit and reopen the comment	19	other requirements in the Act, and it
20	period.	20	could've been that we wouldn't have to appeal
21	There's absolutely no reason why	21	the language. So the notice and comment
22	EPA would not do this. It would simply	22	requirements of themselves exist for a
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1	involve an additional period of time. It	1	reason, and those reasons were evaded when
2	would have allowed Friends of the Earth and	2	EPA issued the final permit without notice.
3	Sierra Club and other members of this the	3	JUDGE WOLGAST: What's the
4	public who are essentially lulled by the	4	practical effect of the deletion of the
5	proposed permit to come in and direct their	5	language?
6	comments specifically to the effect of	6	MS. CHAVEZ: The limitation itself
7	deleting this language entirely immediately,	7	is more stringent than the limitation in the
8	as opposed to what they did direct their	8	final permit. So the effect is that now we
9	comments to. And the Petitioners directed	9	have a limitation that, true, is more
10	their comments in the only rational way that	10	specific, but only more specific with respect
11	they could be expected to, they directed	11	to the Long Term Control Plan controls that
12	their comments to what EPA proposed.	12	are addressed in the LTCP and in EPA's
110		1	underlying enforcement action. That
13	JUDGE STEIN: Given that you have	13	underrying emoteement action. That
13	an opportunity to argue to this Board that	13 14	enforcement action covers a certain type and
14 15	an opportunity to argue to this Board that the particular language that they deleted on	1	
14 15 16	an opportunity to argue to this Board that the particular language that they deleted on the merits should not have been deleted, how	14	enforcement action covers a certain type and class of violations, but there could be other violations of water quality standards that
14 15 16 17	an opportunity to argue to this Board that the particular language that they deleted on the merits should not have been deleted, how is it that you've been prejudiced by their	14 15 16 17	enforcement action covers a certain type and class of violations, but there could be other violations of water quality standards that are not contemplated by the Long Term Control
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1	permit against those other kinds of water	1	And those narrative water quality
2	quality violations, but in the final permit,	2	standards require that the District waters be
3	there is no protection now against anything	3	free from substances that cause objectionable
4	other than simply failure to implement the	4	deposits, objectionable odor, color, taste or
5	Long Term Control Plan performance standards.	5	turbidity, cause injury to humans, plants and
6	JUDGE WOLGAST: Could you give us	6	animals. No one would question that the
7	an example of something that would not be	7	discharge of raw sewage into a waterway
8	covered	8	causes all of these things.
9	MS. CHAVEZ: Well	9	Likewise, Section 1104.3 explicitly
10	JUDGE WOLGAST: Of the Long Term	10	calls for Class A waters, of which these are,
11	Control Plan?	11	to be free of discharges of untreated sewage
12	MS. CHAVEZ: One fairly simple	12	and litter, and there's no question that CSOs
13	example would be a leakage in the system that	13	violate that water quality standard.
14	causes violations of water quality standards.	14	The Long Term Control Plan itself,
15	Without the water quality standards	15	on its face, concedes that all water quality
16	limitation in the permit, WASA's simply	16	standards under all weather conditions will
17	required to march on with its performance	17	not be met, because there will continue to be
18	standards under the Long Term Control Plan.	18	some overflow events four per year per
19	But those have nothing to do with other kinds	19	average year in the Potomac for in Rock
20	of water quality standards violations like	20	Creek and two in the Anacostia. Now, some
21	the leakage or anything else that you	21	subsequent changes and adjustments may have
22	could imagine that has nothing to do with the	22	changed that, but they've minimized sewer
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1	Long Term Control Plan.	1	overflows; they haven't in any way eliminated
2	JUDGE STEIN: How many different	2	the possibility and circumstances can
3	water quality standards does the District	3	change. No one knows what water what
4	have? I mean, are they just reflected in one	4	stormwater events are going to happen 10 or
5	provision, are they reflected in several	1	
		5	20 years from now. The Long Term Control
6	provisions? I think it would be helpful to	5 6	
67	provisions? I think it would be helpful to the Board to try to get a more specific	1	20 years from now. The Long Term Control
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7	the Board to try to get a more specific	6 7	20 years from now. The Long Term Control Plan was only designed to meet an average year you know, a one-year storm, which as
7 8	the Board to try to get a more specific handle on the question that Judge Wolgast is	6 7 8	20 years from now. The Long Term Control Plan was only designed to meet an average year you know, a one-year storm, which as we all know is not going to include all
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2	citizens would well, presumably there	2	what the answer to that is except that there
3	would be an enforcement of permit	3	are certain provisions in the 1997 permit
4	limitations. I hesitate to give a direct	4	that existed in the permit and they were not
5	answer to whether a citizen can enforce the	5	contested, and so we have looked to those as
6	water quality standards directly, but the way	6	the last permit that was not either
7	the Clean Water Act is structured is to	7	withdrawn, remanded, or so and so forth.
8	ensure that applicable water quality	8	But whether you read the last permit to be
9	standards are incorporated into a permit so	9	1997 or the 2003 permit, both scenarios
10	that they can be enforced against individual	10	violate the anti-backsliding provision.
11	dischargers.	11	JUDGE WOLGAST: Could you speak to
12	JUDGE STEIN: So you would be	12	WASA's argument anti-backsliding that and
13	enforcing, at least theoretically, the	13	if I mischaracterized it, Mr. Evans is going
14	substantive bacterial or other limits rather	14	to correct me, so but as I understand it,
15	than relying on this generic provision?	15	in essence, WASA is saying that the only way
16	MS. CHAVEZ: Well, we would be	16	to read the CSO policy as it's been
17	JUDGE STEIN: I'm really trying to	17	incorporated into the Act is to look at the
18	understand the practical consequence of	18	limitations of the previous permit, whether
19	taking that generic provision out of the	19	that's 1997 or the 2003 amendment and look
20	permit. What it does? Is it	20	at the limitations that will ultimately come
21	anti-backsliding, is it not? So if you could	21	into effect under the Long Term Control Plan,
22	speak to that.	22	and compare those to determine if there is or
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2	so on. So this is on its face a minimum	2	understand you to be saying that in essence,
3	requirement. It doesn't prohibit other water	3	in this situation where there is a Long Term
4	quality standards-based requirements from	4	Control Plan, there's going to be some
5	being in the permit, and it certainly doesn't	5	extended period of time before water quality
6	call for them to be replaced by the Long Term	6	standards are met; that the way to marry
7	Control Plan.	7	these provisions is that WASA should be
8	JUDGE WOLGAST: And yet the CSO	8	considered to be in violation for whatever
9	policy does obviously contemplate that in	9	period of time it takes for all of the
10	certain instances, there will be compliance	10	provisions of the Long Term Control Plan to
11	over time, so that there will be some delta	11	be implemented. Is that correct?
12	of time before whatever capital improvements	12	MS. CHAVEZ: That is correct. And
13	come about in complying sewer situations?	13	WASA can be in violation of permit
14	MS. CHAVEZ: I agree. However, the	14	requirements and in violation of water
15	CSO policy and the EPA's enforcement action	15	quality standards as it is right now, but not
16	are remediations to address violations of	16	be subject to double liability, that its
17	this very language in the permit. The fact	17	liability has already been addressed in the
18	that we've got a Long Term Control Plan to	18	enforcement action. And so the purpose of
19	start to address that violation doesn't mean	19	maintaining the language there is not to come
20	that we then withdraw the language from the	20	back and hit them over and over, but that
21	permit. So there's nothing inconsistent with	21	protection needs to be maintained in the
22	maintaining the basic requirement in the	22	permit.
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	permit while the permittee is coming into	1	JUDGE STEIN: Mr. Evans indicated
$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	compliance.	2	that there was language required for Phase I
3	Now, WASA has suggested that it	3	permits that basically related to this
4	will be unfairly exposed to liability. As an	4	discharge prohibition that was in at least
5	initial matter, WASA's exposure isn't a valid	5	the '97 permit, and that requirement for that
6	reason to weaken the permit requirements, and	6	specific compliance obligation or discharge
7	secondly, as long as EPA has an enforcement	7	prohibition is absent from a discussion of
8	action on the books and is diligently	8	the CSO policy with regard to Phase II
9	prosecuting that enforcement action, then any	9	permits. At least that's how I understood
10	violations that would fall within that	10	it. Can you speak to that? Do you agree
111		11	and the base state of the state discourse south it?
11	enforcement action would be directly related		with his statement? Do you disagree with it?
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2	in the form of a narrative limitation. Under	2	by either the District's water quality
3	Phase II, the requirement is this is on	3	standard implementing regulation or the
4	its face, requiring at a minimum compliance	4	Star-Kist decision. I suppose I should just
5	with the numeric performance standards for	5	clarify that the District's
6	the selected CSO controls.	6	certification well, I'll get to that on
7	So there's no conflict between	7	the TN limit.
8	those two provisions. They can exist happily	8	JUDGE REICH: Before you do that,
9	next to one another, but they are both	9	when I looked at the December 16, 2004 fact
10	minimums; neither it would take much more	10	sheet, and looked at what it said about
11	explicit language than this for EPA's CSO	11	compliance schedules, it says the 1994 CSO
[12]	policy to somehow suggest that you gut the	12	policy provides implementation schedules for
13	existing narrative requirement in the permit	13	compliance deadlines which if passed may not
14	and replace it with the Long Term Control	14	generally be included in permits, that the
15	Plans; nothing suggests that at all.	15	Phase II permit reflecting the requirements
16	And it's just not enough to connect	16	of the LTCP will be accompanied by a separate
17	numerous dots and say this must be what the	17	and forceful mechanism in the case of a major
18	control what the CSO policy must've	18	facility, or judicial order contained in
19	intended. That's not what the CSO policy	19	compliance dates on the fastest practicable
20	says.	20	schedule.
21	If there are no further questions,	21	Reading that in isolation, it
22	I'll reserve the remainder of my time.	22	seemed to be saying that you really had no
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1	JUDGE STEIN: Thank you.	1	choice, because under the Clean Water Act,
2	EPA?	2	you could not include a schedule in the
3	MS. BARTLETT: Good afternoon, Your	3	permit. When I looked at your response to
4	Honors. My name is Deane Bartlett, and I'm	4	the petition in 05-02, it clearly talked
5	representing the Region this afternoon. And	5	about this being a proper exercise of
6	I feel like I should immediately launch into	6	discretion in choosing not to put the
7	answers to all of the questions that you've	7	compliance schedule in the permit and putting
8	already posed, because I'm sure you want to	8	it in the consent decree instead.
9	know what the Region has to say about them.	9	Am I misunderstanding what this
10	Let me just start by saying that	10	said in the fact sheet, or did your thinking
11	the burden here is on the Petitioners, and we	11	evolve as to whether or not you had a legal
12	don't think any one of them have met their	12	basis for putting it in the permit between
13	burdens to show that there has been any sort	13	the time the fact sheet was issued and the
14	of clearly erroneous finding of fact or	14	time the permit was issued or the response to
15	conclusion of law in the agency's permitting	15	the petition was submitted?
16	decisions. Our decisions are rational and	16	MS. BARTLETT: I don't think we've
17	they're supported by the record.	17	really changed our mind. I still think that
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18	With respect to the decision not to	18	we believe that what we've done is consistent
18 19	With respect to the decision not to include a compliance schedule for the Long	18 19	we believe that what we've done is consistent with the Clean Water Act including the CSO
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19	include a compliance schedule for the Long	19	with the Clean Water Act including the CSO
19 20	include a compliance schedule for the Long Term Control Plan in the permit, we made that	19 20	with the Clean Water Act including the CSO policy and 402(q). And that certainly at the

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1	of compliance to be placed into a companion	1	needs to address that here, because the fact
2	enforcement action.	2	of the matter is, there was an ongoing
3	JUDGE REICH: Do you think in terms	3	enforcement action.
4	of the requirements for the LTCP, the	4	In the year 2000, EPA filed an
5	compliance deadlines have passed, and if they	5	enforcement action against WASA for violating
6	haven't passed, is this discussion in the	6	its water quality standards.
7	fact sheet kind of irrelevant? I'm	7	JUDGE WOLGAST: But just again to
8	struggling with that.	8	understand your answer to Judge Reich's
9	MS. BARTLETT: You mean the for	9	question, could you have put the compliance
10	the water quality standards, because I'm not	10	schedule in the permit?
11	sure that I'm	11	MS. BARTLETT: Under these facts, I
12	JUDGE STEIN: Referring to the	12	think our position is no, we could not.
13	challenge in 05	13	JUDGE WOLGAST: Because?
14	JUDGE REICH: In the 05-02.	14	MS. BARTLETT: Because well,
15	MS. BARTLETT: 05-02? I'm sorry.	15	because of the existing enforcement action
16	JUDGE STEIN: Appeal No. 05-02	16	and because of the clearly stated preference
17	MS. BARTLETT: The Appeal No	17	in the CSO policy for placing under these
18	JUDGE REICH: Right.	18	facts a compliance schedule for the Long Term
19	MS. BARTLETT: Yes, but you're	19	Control Plan in a judicial order.
20	talking about the water quality standards,	20	JUDGE WOLGAST: I don't understand
21	that the deadlines have passed for them to	21	that, though. Are you saying that it
22	comply with the applicable water quality	22	couldn't be both in the enforcement consent
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1	standards?	1	decree and in the permit?
2	JUDGE REICH: Such that under your	2	MS. BARTLETT: I suppose it's
3	reading of the policy as set forth in the	3	possible, but I certainly feel like our
4	fact sheet, you would not have been able to	4	decision was rational under the
5	include a compliance schedule.	5	circumstances, and that it would be awfully
6	MS. BARTLETT: I'm not sure that	6	difficult to have it in both places and to
7	we've reached that conclusion, because I	7	-
8		1 1	manage it in both places.
1 ×	don't know, frankly, whether all of these	8	manage it in both places. I believe the Board raised that
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1	MS. BARTLETT: That is true.	1	D.C. regulations we have here, which says
2	Asking the question, I thought you were	2	that a compliance schedule shall be in the
3	referring to the LTCP compliance schedule.	3	permit.
4	With respect	4	Now, I understand there may be
5	JUDGE WOLGAST: Yes. Yes, I was,	5	circumstances where you are prohibited by law
6	and I understand your answer.	6	from putting it in the permit for giving more
7	MS. BARTLETT: Okay.	7	time, but I don't understand how that
8	JUDGE WOLGAST: But I was saying	8	preference allows you to ignore the D.C.
9	the same rationale wouldn't apply to	9	regulations.
10	nitrogen.	10	So perhaps you could address that.
11	MS. BARTLETT: Not necessarily,	11	MS. BARTLETT: First of all, we
12	except that in these facts, EPA made the	12	don't think that the D.C. regulations can be
13	decision that it made sense to put the	13	read to alter the Clean Water Act and the
14	compliance schedule for nitrogen in the	14	regulations at 122.47 that gives EPA the
15	existing consent decree, because, getting	15	discretion as to whether or not to place a
16	beyond whether or not we have the discretion	16	compliance schedule in a permit.
17	to do that because the plan that's been	17	We think to read it that way
18	proposed by WASA to achieve the nitrogen	18	JUDGE REICH: Are you saying a
19	limit involves the only way they can do	19	state has no authority to adopt a mandatory
20	what they are proposing is to have the	20	compliance schedule provision?
21	long-term consent decree modified, because it	•	MS. BARTLETT: I don't think that
22	will involve a change to one of the	22	they can override the Agency's discretion,
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2	with every other state's water quality	2	be in the permit, how would EPA go about
3	standards, but I would be very surprised,	3	putting a schedule in the permit? Have you
4	frankly. And I think what happened in this	4	thought that through?
5	instance is that when EPA, when it was	5	MS. BARTLETT: What we would do for
6	reviewing the regulations, was focusing more	6	the Long Term Control Plan or for the total
7	on the substantive water quality standards	7	nitrogen?
8	regulations.	8	JUDGE STEIN: Both.
9	JUDGE REICH: How do you relate	9	MS. BARTLETT: I don't know what we
10	giving priority to EPA regulations over state	10	would do. I would be speculating. You know,
11	regulations with the discussion in Starkist	11	certainly if the Board directs the Agency to
12	that does seem to suggest that compliance	12	do so, we'll figure out how to do so, and
13	schedule is an area where EPA should be	13	we'll figure out what is an appropriate time
14	looking to the states, not the other way	14	frame for a schedule in a permit.
15	around?	15	JUDGE REICH: If we interpret
16	MS. BARTLETT: Well	16	MS. BARTLETT: It might not be the
17	JUDGE REICH: I mean, I understand	17	same.
18	the specific holding, and Star-Kist does	18	JUDGE REICH: If we interpreted
19	comply, but I think some of the language	19	that provision as mandatory, and therefore it
20	seems to suggest that.	20	appeared from your perspective that it was
21	MS. BARTLETT: Well, I think the	21	approved incorrectly, does that enable the
22	overall thrust of the decision in Star-Kist	22	Agency to just ignore it, or does the Agency
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1	was looking at the question of whether, when	1	have to honor it as long as it's still an
2	EPA is the permitting authority, it can issue	2	approved regulation?
3	a permit that's less stringent than state	3	MS, BARTLETT: I think what we're
4	law. And I think it made a statement about	4	doing is reading it the way that we think it
5	what EPA may do when state law allows it.	5	makes sense in accordance with the law, and
6	I don't think it decided what EPA	6	in accordance with the District's
7	must do if there's a state law provision that	7	interpretation of its own regulation.
8	allows a compliance schedule.	8	JUDGE REICH: Where is the
9	JUDGE STEIN: But doesn't the D.C.	9	District's interpretation clearly
10	law do more than just allow a compliance	10	articulated?
11	schedule? Doesn't it specify that it shall	11	MS. BARTLETT: It's articulated in
12	be in the permit? I mean, that's the I	12	the 401 certification that it provided.
13	mean, I think in Star-Kist, the Board was	13	JUDGE REICH: Do you think that's
14	grappling with a circumstance just different	14	the clearest statement of the District's
15	from this circumstance in that there wasn't	15	interpretation of that provision?
16	the authority, as I understand it, for a	16	MS. BARTLETT: That's the clearest
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	compliance schedule.	17	one we've been able to find.
18	compliance schedule. Here there is the authority, but	17 18	one we've been able to find. JUDGE REICH: Okay.
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18	Here there is the authority, but	18	JUDGE REICH: Okay.
18 19	Here there is the authority, but the regulation goes beyond that, and it seems	18 19	JUDGE REICH: Okay. MS. BARTLETT: If there were

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	time the District certified EPA had proposed	1	with that limit, and that D.C. has made a
2	to put a compliance schedule in a permit, at	2	condition of its certification that there be
3	least according to the fact sheet, how is it	3	a compliance schedule, which is part of their
4	that we're supposed to read the District	4	certification, how is it that the Board could
5	certification as endorsing the notion that it	5	approve the issuance of this permit without,
6	can be in a consent decree? I mean, it	6	at a minimum, there being a compliance
7	strikes me that there's at least in the	7	schedule either in the consent decree or in
8	minimum, there's some ambiguity on that	8	the permit?
9	point.	9	MS, BARTLETT: Well, I think that
10	MS. BARTLETT: Actually, no. If	10	the certification doesn't include that as a
11	you're talking about the 401 certification	11	condition. It's not a condition. It's a
12	for the nitrogen limit.	12	consideration, which is very different
13	JUDGE REICH: Uh-huh.	13	than you know, when we get a 401
14	MS. BARTLETT: Which originally we	14	certification that says this permit will meet
15	did propose giving including a schedule in	15	applicable water quality standards, with the
16	the permit that would allow WASA to come up	16	exception of this condition and that
17	with a plan. But in the subsequent proposal,	17	condition.
18	we indicated very clearly that we were not	18	So what the District stated in its
19	going to include a compliance schedule in the	19	401 certification was very different. It
20	permit, and that we were going to include it	20	didn't withhold it, it didn't say "only if."
21	in a separate enforceable action, ideally in	21	So it's not a condition.
22	the in a modification to the LTCP consent	22	JUDGE STEIN: In the 2005 EPA
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2	JUDGE STEIN: What was the broader	2	with D.C. water quality standards.
3	context of that budget language? And is this	3	JUDGE WOLGAST: Could you explain
4	an issue that is bigger than this case? I	4	what because I've read this seemingly
5	mean, are there issues nationwide about	5	stated differently by the Region in different
6	whether or not these kinds of compliance	6	iterations. What does that sentence mean to
7	schedules should be in permits versus consent	7	you?
8	decrees?	8	MS. BARTLETT: Frankly, I'm not
9	MS. BARTLETT: There may be, but I	9	sure what that sentence means. It almost
10	don't know that that issue is before the	10	smacks of a duty to comply with water quality
11	Board.	11	standards regulations rather than a specific
12	JUDGE STEIN: I'm trying to	12	QBEL (?), which is
13	understand the context of an amendment that's	13	JUDGE WOLGAST: And frankly, with
14	been cited to us by more than one party as	14	that statement, that it's a basically for
15	bearing on how we should address this issue.	15	shorthand a backstop of the prohibition
16	I'm trying to understand the context of that	16	against any discharges that would exceed
17	budget amendment, to the extent that you know	17	water quality standards is what I interpreted
18	it.	18	from your brief at page 43 and 44. So I just
19	MS. BARTLETT: I wasn't involved in	19	wanted to understand if that in fact was your
20	the budget amendment, so I can't really	20	position.
21	address that. I can say that the issue of	21	MS. BARTLETT: Yes. Once WASA
22	compliance schedules is coming up here and	22	completed its Long Term Control Plan using
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1	there, as the Board is probably aware. Not	1	the demonstration approach which I believe
2	so much in situations I don't think like	2	
-			wir Evans explained and what their
	this one where you have a pre-existing		Mr. Evans explained, and what their obligation is using the demonstration
3	this one where you have a pre-existing companion enforcement action a discharge as	3	obligation is using the demonstration
3 4	companion enforcement action, a discharge as	3 4	obligation is using the demonstration approach is to demonstrate that the selective
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	the applicable provision for when a permittee	1	MS. BARTLETT: I think the
2	has used the demonstration approach is IV,	2	difference that we're what's confusing
3	which says performance standards and	3	here is, in part whether the performance
4	requirements that are consistent with Section	4	standards that of the Long Term Control
5	2(c)(4)(b), that's the demonstration approach	5	Plan that are set forth in the permit as
6	of the policy.	6	QBELs cover both the narrative water quality
7	JUDGE WOLGAST: Before you	7	standards and numeric water quality standards
8	MS. BARTLETT: So we put the	8	of the District. And they do. And I think
9	performance standards in the in the permit.	9	one of the things that's at issue here, and I
10	JUDGE STEIN: Just above that point	10	think the Board has asked the question, what
11	C, in the middle column at 18696, there's a	11	if that second sentence in our two-sentence
12	reference to there's an A and B,	12	proposal isn't there? What do you lose?
13	"Requirements to implement technology-based	13	And I don't think the Petitioners
14	controls including the nine minimum	14	have identified anything that we do lose.
15	controls," and then there's a B for a	15	Water quality, there's an immediate
16	narrative requirements. Why wouldn't this	16	requirement those water quality
17	duty to comply provision or whatever you call	17	standard-based effluent limits are
18	it come under the narrative requirements?	18	immediately affected. Is WASA out of
19	MS. BARTLETT: The narrative	19	compliance? Absolutely. WASA has a consent
20	requirements it says narrative	20	decree that requires it to take about \$1.2
21	requirements which ensure that the selected	21	billion worth of steps over the next 20 years
22	CSO controls are implemented operated and	22	to get into compliance. In the meantime,
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1	maintained as described in the long-term CSO	1	some I'm sorry.
2	control plan. There is such a provision in	2	JUDGE STEIN: Okay.
3	the permit. That exists. That is covered.	3	MS. BARTLETT: Some of the things
4	JUDGE STEIN: But you're saying	4	that were raised by Petitioners Friend of the
5	that this particular provision that you have	5	Earth in their brief were it's WASA is
6	now proposed or decided to take out is a	6	excused. WASA isn't excused. WASA has been
7	narrative requirement, but it's not a	7	
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1	to?	1	been able to identify anything that's not
2	MS. BARTLETT: I'd point you to	2	covered by that. One of the things that they
3	several exhibits to the government decree,	3	mentioned in their briefs was there's nothing
4	specifically Exhibit 6. Do you want me to	4	to require and in their argument, what if
5	say what they are or do you just	5	there's a leak.
6	JUDGE WOLGAST: That would be	6	Well, if there's a leak in a
7	helpful.	7	system, then that may indicate that there's a
8	MS. BARTLETT: Exhibit 6, which is	8	problem with operation and maintenance, the
9	a November 3, 2004 memorandum from James	9	general operation and maintenance of the
10	Collier, Chief, Bureau of Environmental	10	system, and there's a provision in the permit
11	Quality and Environmental Health	11	that the general permit provision for CSOs
12	Administration, District Department of	12	and everything that requires WASA to properly
13	Health, to Doreen E. Thompson, Esquire,	13	operate and maintain its system in addition
14	interim senior deputy director, Rika Ray (?)	14	to the general O&M provision there's also
15	CSO LTCP. And one of the things the	15	a provision under the nine minimum controls,
16	primary focus of that memorandum is whether	16	the technology-based CSO controls, that
17	the Long Term Control Plan selected	17	specifically relates to operation and
18	controls once implemented, the discharges	18	maintenance of the CSO portions.
19	that will remain, whether they will meet	19	So that's already covered. So I
20	District water quality standards.	20	guess we have a hard time seeing, and don't
21	JUDGE WOLGAST: But	21	believe that the Petitioner have identified
22	MS. BARTLETT: There's	22	anything that's not covered by that
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1	JUDGE WOLGAST: But I guess what	1	provision.
2	I'm looking for is where in the permit or	2	JUDGE WOLGAST: What was the
3	where is there an enforceable mechanism like	3	rationale for deleting the general
4	sentence 2 that clearly sweeps in everything	4	prohibition?
5	that would otherwise have been included in	5	MS. BARTLETT: That it was
6	the general prohibition?	6	duplicative, that the specific performance
7	MS. BARTLETT: I guess our position	7	standards are much more specific and much
8	is that there's nothing that's not included,	8	more clearly articulate exactly what it is
9	and that the Petitioners haven't really been	9	the permittee has to do in order to comply
10	able to identify anything that's not	10	with water quality standards. So there's
11	included. And if you read Exhibit 6,	11	more certainty on the part of the permittee.
12	Exhibit 7, and Exhibit 8, then you can see	12	There's also more certainty on the part of
13	what all has been considered and encompassed	13	the agency should we find ourselves in the
14	in terms of water quality standards	14	position of needing to enforce those
15	compliance to be included and covered by the	15	provisions somewhere down the line.
16	Long Term Control Plan selected controls.	16	JUDGE STEIN: If it's duplicative,
17	The two things	17	why not just put it in the permit? I mean,
18	JUDGE WOLGAST: What's the	18	at one point EPA had proposed it in the
19	range oh, I'm sorry, go ahead.	19	permit. If it's simply something additional,
00	MS. BARTLETT: I just want to point	20	why take it out? I mean, maybe the
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20	out that I don't think that in reality,	21	difficulty we're having is that through most

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1	of this provision was there, and all of a	1	Judge Stein's question, in your response, you
2	sudden, suddenly, in the last iteration, it's	2	indicate even if this limit is less stringent
3	gone. I understand that you're trying to	3	than the previous one, which had has not
4	point us to a roadmap that shows that	4	meets the exception for backsliding under
5	everything else is really there, but if it's	5	Section 303(d)(4)(a) and I know that the
6	really just additional, why not just put it	6	Friends of the Earth basically argued that
7	in? What's the downside?	7	that provision wasn't applicable here, are
8	MS. BARTLETT: Because potentially	8	you still maintaining that that provision is
9	it could create confusion about what the	9	applicable, or are you conceding that that
10	permittee's obligations exactly are. And	10	provision is not applicable?
11	clearly, our brief and the history, the	11	MS. BARTLETT: Upon reflection, I'm
12	evolution of this permit, reflects that we	12	not sure, depending upon how you read that
13	have that the agency has struggled with	13	provision, if it's read to require that the
14	what is the right water quality	14	previous provision was based upon TMDL or a
15	standard-based effluent limit provision for	15	waste-load allocation. The previous
16	CSOs.	16	provision was not. So in that case, I think
17	And ultimately, we concluded that	17	we have to concede that that would not apply.
18	the performance standards provide for or	18	JUDGE REICH: Okay, thank you.
19	certainly can provide for compliance with the	19	JUDGE STEIN: I presume that EPA is
20	District's water quality standards, they're	20	issuing several Phase II permits around the
21	intended to, and they cover everything that	21	country, or has been in the process, and that
22	was included in that prior provision, except	22	some of those Phase I permits may have
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1	much more specifically.	1	
2	JUDGE STEIN: So your	1 2	included this sort of duty-to-comply language as a shorthand for expressing what was there.
3	anti-backsliding defense or whatever you want	3	Has EPA made a policy decision that that kind
4	to call it, or defense to claim that there's	4	of language goes out in the Phase II permits?
5	anti-backsliding, is exclusively that the two	5	And I guess I'm just trying to understand
6	provisions are as stringent as one another	6	this case in the broader context, because it
7	and therefore, there's no anti-backsliding?	7	seems to me that this anti-backsliding issue,
8	Is that the sole basis of your defense, or	8	to the extent that these generic kinds of
9	you're arguing there's some kind of an	9	provisions are coming out in more than just
10	exception to anti-backsliding?	10	one permit, could represent perhaps
	MS. BARTLETT: I think the only	11	potentially a bigger issue, and I'm wondering
12	exception that's primarily our argument.	12	if you could shed any light on that question.
13	I think the only exception there might be	12	MS. BARTLETT: Unfortunately I
14	would be related to new information because	14	can't. I can only shed light on it's just
15	of the new information on the Long Term	15	been confirmed that I really can't answer
16	Control Plan. But I think since the	16	that outside of the context of this
17	requirement that was in the permit previously	17	particular permitting decision that was made
18	was to comply with not to discharge in a	18	by Region 3. You know if that's something
19	way that would violate District water quality	19	JUDGE STEIN: You can't answer it
20	standards, that the new provision is no less	20	because you don't know or because they
21	stringent.	21	MS. BARTLETT: Because I don't
22	JUDGE REICH: In that context of	22	know. Because I don't know, not because I'm
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1	keeping a secret, but obviously if that were	1	provisions for how they're going to achieve
2	something that the Board wanted to see some	2	compliance.
3	additional discussion of, we could certainly	3	JUDGE WOLGAST: If the compliance
4	provide a supplemental brief.	4	schedule were included in the permit itself,
5	JUDGE STEIN: Okay.	5	as well as in say, let's just say
6	JUDGE WOLGAST: Just to understand,	6	hypothetically as well as in the consent
7	is it your position that the agency within	7	decree, what would be their compliance
8	the context of the anti-backsliding question	8	status. Would they be in violation?
9	has discretion to set any schedule and	9	MS. BARTLETT: I think then they
10	basically, I'm assuming that in essence	10	could certainly argue that they have the
11	you're stating that same argument that WASA	11	permit as a shield, and I assume that's one
12	had. You look to the limitation as it	12	of the reasons why they would like to have
13	existed in the '97 permit, you look to the	13	the compliance schedule in the permit.
14	specifics of the Long Term Control Plan as	14	JUDGE WOLGAST: And I guess that's
15	long as those both get to complies with	15	a question that I'm confused about as to the
16	water quality standards, it doesn't matter	16	CSO policy, when it seems to contemplate that
17	how long. So if you all had come up with a	17	the agency has discretion to include such
18	schedule that was 50 years, in your opinion	18	less schedule, a long-term schedule, either
19	that wouldn't have been a backsliding	19	in the permit or in the judicial consent
20	problem.	20	decree or in some other enforceable
21	MS. BARTLETT: I think we defer	21	agreement, and the idea that however EPA
22	with WASA on that because I don't the	22	exercise that discretion would have the
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1	Region is not taking the position that WASA	1	consequence of making the permittee in or out
2	doesn't have to be in compliance now, but	2	of violative status seems pretty significant.
3	they don't have to be in compliance until the	3	MS. BARTLETT: I guess that's true,
4	Long Term Control Plan has been fully	4	although if you're looking at it from the
5	implemented. We've got an enforcement action	5	standpoint of are they vulnerable to some
6	out there.	6	sort of citizen suit, I think they are
7	JUDGE WOLGAST: But again, just	7	covered under either one of those any of
8	looking at the anti-backsliding aspect, so do	8	those scenarios.
9	you only look to the terms of the '97 permit	9	JUDGE WOLGAST: However under this
10	and the terms of the Long Term Control Plan	10	scenario, we heard WASA say that they could
11	to deduce whether or not this last iteration	11	still be sued, they could still be subject to
12	is less stringent than the '97 terms?	12	penalties even if the injunctive relief from
13	MS. BARTLETT: I think based on the	13	such an action may well end up being the same
14	plain language of 402(o), yes.	14	terms as the technology improvements included
15	JUDGE WOLGAST: But and then you	15	in the Long Term Control plan. Why isn't
16	were going on to say and I understand you	16	that right?
17	then agree with Sierra Club that the	17	MS. BARTLETT: Well, I'm not sure.
18	compliance status of the District is that	18	I mean, I'm not sure exactly where WASA was
18 19	compliance status of the District is that they are in violation?	18 19	I mean, I'm not sure exactly where WASA was going with that argument, but frankly, I
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19 20 21	they are in violation? MS. BARTLETT: Yes, but they have a consent decree right now that covers their	19	going with that argument, but frankly, I don't see them as being vulnerable, as being sued. Given the provision that we currently
19 20	they are in violation? MS. BARTLETT: Yes, but they have a	19 20	going with that argument, but frankly, I don't see them as being vulnerable, as being

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6 c 7 d 8 c 9 t 10 a 11 12 ju 13 q 14 F 15 F 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	an enforcement action against them. We've	4	then
7 d 8 c 9 t 10 a 11 12 j 13 q 14 F 15 F 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	already done that. We've got them under a	5	JUDGE STEIN: Do you concede that
8 c 9 til 10 a 11 12 ju 13 q 14 F 15 F 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	consent decree, and they're going to be	6	the particular language that I've quoted is
9 ti 10 a 11 12 ji 13 q 14 F 15 E 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	loing you know, we would move to enforce a	7	problematic in light of 122.4(d)?
10 a 11 12 ji 13 q 14 F 15 F 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	consent decree if we needed to, and I don't	8	MS. BARTLETT: It may be. It may
11 12 ji 13 q 14 F 15 E 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	hink there's a basis to suggest that the	9	be, Your Honor, but on the other hand, I
12 ji 13 q 14 F 15 E 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	agency is not diligently prosecuting.	10	think the CSO policy is pretty clear on what
13 q 14 F 15 E 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	JUDGE STEIN: I had a question,	11	the water quality standard-based effluent
14 F 15 E 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	ust a final question about this water	12	limitations should be.
15 E 16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	quality-based effluent limits. In the	13	JUDGE STEIN: No further questions.
16 h 17 T 18 c 19 T	Region's response to comments, in their '07	14	We appreciate your patience and answering all
17 1 18 c 19 1	Exhibit 4, pages 10 to 11, EPA states, "EPA	15	of our many questions.
18 c 19 1	has concluded that implementation of a Long	16	And if we could go to the rebuttals
19 1	Term Control Plan will not preclude	17	now, that would be great.
1	compliance with water quality standards.	18	MR. EVANS: If I can move directly
100	Therefore, use of the Long Term Control Plan	19	to a couple of the last items that we were
20 p	performance standards as water quality-based	20	covering with EPA. First, with respect to
21 e	effluent limits does not violate 122.4(d),	21	the question whether this narrative
22 v	which precludes the issuance of a permit that	22	prohibition is duplicative of the Long Term
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1 0	can't ensure compliance with water quality	1	Control Plans-derived specific performance
	standards of all effective states."	2	standards, it is not duplicative, but in
3	How does the Region's language of	3	fact, one of the principal reasons why WASA
	not precluding compliance with water quality	4	objected to it was because it was
	standards meet the requirements of 122.4(d),	5	fundamentally inconsistent with the CSO
1	which requires EPA to ensure that the limits	6	policy.
	shall ensure compliance with water quality	7	If you look at the CSO policy in
1	standards?	8	its entirety and you look at the scheme
9	I'm taking issue with that language	9	that's set out in that policy with respect to
10 i	in part because that's an issue that has so	10	how communities like WASA go about bringing
1	much different but related issue cropped up	11	themselves into compliance with water quality
1	in an earlier appeal to the Board, I think	12	standards using the demonstration approach,
1	the DCMS4 case. So I wanted you to explain	13	in essence as you submit your Long Term
	how that language meets 122.4(d), or to point	14	Control Plan, EPA and the state make a
	me to where in the record EPA has made a	15	determination whether that Long Term Control
	finding or determination that would meet	16	Plan, at least under the demonstration
17 1	122.4(d).	17	approach, will comply with water quality
18	MS. BARTLETT: I believe we covered	18	standards.
19 t	a car a second de la companya de la	19	But because a demonstration
20 i	that in exhibit I believe we did address	1	Dut beeuuse a demonstration
21 a	that in exhibit I believe we did address it in the record, Your Honor, but I'm not	20	approach is based upon modeling, and you
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20 i 21 a	a the second secon	19	But because a demonstration

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1	says that when you use demonstration approach	1	years, and yet having invested that money
2	and you incorporate the results of that	2	face the prospect of being yet sued again.
3	demonstration approach in the permit, you	3	Even though they did everything the
4	also have to include a provision requiring	4	policy asked them to do, yet they're still
5	post-construction monitoring. In other	5	being held for non-compliance. It is a
6	words, you go out to determine whether or not	6	critical issue for CSO communities.
7	in fact, based upon actual mainstream data,	7	And to suggest that these
8	whether or not the original demonstration has	8	communities should be held liable because
9	proven to be correct.	9	their demonstration because their
10	The problem with this narrative	10	post-construction monitoring demonstration
11	discharge prohibition is that even with the	11	doesn't show compliance with standards, is
12	consent decree the consent decree simply	12	fundamentally inconsistent with the policy,
13	has a schedule for the implementation of a	13	because the policy said so and expressed
14	Long Term Control Plan. In essence, once	14	process for what you do at the point at which
15	that Long Term Control Plan has been	15	non-compliance are shown.
16	implemented and the system has been placed in	16	It doesn't say that the policy
17	operation, the shield the protections	17	doesn't say the community is in
18	afforded by the consent decree go away.	18	non-compliance with its obligation. What it
19	So with that narrative discharge	19	says is that if the demonstration doesn't
20	prohibition in there, if WASA's	20	show compliance to water quality standards,
21	post-construction monitoring program shows	21	the community must then submit a revised Long
22	that they are out of compliance with water	22	Term Control Plan explaining what additional
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1	quality standards, contrary to the	1	measures it's going to take to bring itself
2	demonstration that was made at the time the	2	into compliance. That's how the policy is
3	plan was developed and approved by EPA and	3	supposed to work, and that's why this
4	the state, then WASA and any other CSO	4	provision this prohibition is
5	community can be sued for violation of the	5	fundamentally inconsistent with it.
6	water quality standards. That's not the way	6	In addition to being fundamentally
7	the policy is intended to work, and that's	7	inconsistent with the overall scope, intent,
8	what this issue really comes down to.	8	purpose, direction of the policy, we believe
9	So it is not duplicative; it is	9	it is fundamentally inconsistent with the
10	imposing a compliance obligation, a liability	10	clear language of the policy itself. Now, if
11	on WASA and every other community. And I	11	you look at the language of the policy and
12	might add, although it doesn't appear at this	12	this is the provision is dealing with a
13	point that EPA has made any larger policy	13	Phase II permit and relevant language says,
14	decisions with respect to how to deal with	14	permit shall include a water quality-based
15	this issue, in other CSO permits, it is an	15	effluent limitations, and so forth requiring
16	issue of national importance.	16	at a minimum well, Friends of the Earth
17	That's why NACWA where the	17	and the Sierra Club are picking up on the
18	partnerships submitted, for instance, the	18	language "at a minimum."
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19	court briefs in this case, because you've got	19	well, if you take that literally,
19 20	court briefs in this case, because you've got hundreds of other CSO communities out there	19 20	Well, if you take that literally, then in essence, in order to accept their
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1	essence it would constitute a collateral	1	language is not less stringent?
2	attack on the Long Term Control Plan, that it	2	MR. EVANS: I don't think you can
3	doesn't provide for compliance with water	3	refer to I think you need to look at
4	quality standards, or at least the evidence	4	the you need to look at the entirety of
5	currently available, and the resulting	5	the records, specifically the exhibits to
6	performance standards don't provide for	6	EPA's response, which include I think one
7	compliance with water quality standards.	7	of them is Exhibit 8, the EPA memorandum.
8	And if in fact that's their	8	But there are two memoranda in there of
9	position, then we would respectfully submit	9	particular relevance. One is the EPA
10	that if they didn't think that the plan met	10	memoranda. The other is the memoranda from
11	the requirements of the CSO policy, didn't	11	the District of Columbia which contain an
12	contain a demonstration water standards	12	analysis of the Long Term Control Plan,
12	quality compliance, they had an opportunity	12	ultimately leading to a conclusion that the
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15	back then when EPA approved it to have challenged that. They never challenged the	14	Long Term Control Plan will provide for
16		15 16	compliance with water quality standards.
	determination. We would submit they are		Because the two agencies with
17	precluded from collaterally attacking the	17	responsibility for making their determination
18	Long Term Control Plan at this late date.	18	have concluded that this Long Term Control
19	If they think that plan was	19 20	Plan will provide for compliance with water
20	inadequate to provide for compliance with	20	quality standards, then in essence, it is a
21	water quality standards, they should've	21	part and parcel of the same thing as the
22	attacked it then. They didn't. We think	22	discharge prohibition. This Board, in my
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1	they are precluded from collaterally	1	view, would have to, in essence, discount or
2	attacking it now.	2	not take into consideration the findings that
3	So we think that this Board should	3	have already been made by the two agencies
4	approach this issue on the presumption that	4	charged with responsibility for making their
5	this plan provides for compliance with water	5	determination.
6	quality standards. And if it provides for	6	Again, the Petitioners had an
7	compliance with water quality standards, then	7	opportunity to challenge that determination
8	to retain the narrative discharge prohibition	8	if they wanted to. They haven't. We think
9	in addition to the requirement for the Long	9	that what they are doing now is really
10	Term Control Plan performance standards in	10	nothing more than a collateral attack on a
11	essence will be reading that requirement of	11	decision that was made several years ago.
12	that, why have it? Why have numeric Long	12	JUDGE WOLGAST: Could you very
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	Term Control Plan drive performance	13	briefly address Sierra Club's argument
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14 15	Term Control Plan drive performance	13	briefly address Sierra Club's argument
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15	Term Control Plan drive performance standards, if in fact you are going to include a narrative prohibition in it?	13 14 15	briefly address Sierra Club's argument that I understand your point about what may happen at the end of the day, but that in
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1	which a discharge could occur that either	1	Those are in EPA's permitting
2	would not violate the Long Term Control Plan	2	manual, Chapter 8, in the CFR 122.47, and
3	performance standards or would not violate	$\frac{-}{3}$	also in the permitting approach that D.C.
4	the technology-based requirements and also	4	signed along with EPA and all the other Bay
5	the water quality-based requirements of the	5	states, to our petition in which they said
6	permit. We have the nine minimum controls	6	that we petitioned EPA asking them to require
7	requirements. One of those is a prohibition	7	merit limits in all significant discharge
8	on dry weather discharges. So if there is a	8	permits, and that there be compliance
9	leak or a spill that is unrelated to a wet	9	schedules.
10	weather event, that's absolutely prohibited,	10	And in response, we got back this
11	that would be a violation of a permit.	11	permitting approach, which basically says or
12	If on the other hand, WASA didn't	12	it says in fact, "generally these compliance
13	properly operate and maintain its system, the	13	schedules should require the facility to come
14	combined system in some way, this is while	14	into compliance with the nutrient base
15	the Long Term Control Plan is being	15	requirements of the permit or order as soon
16	implemented, then there are any number of	16	as possible in keeping with the 2010 deadline
17	those nine minimum control obligations that	17	and objective with the Chesapeake 2000
18	could be violated depending upon the facts of	18	agreement".
19	that particular case.	19	So clearly, D.C. and EPA all
20	If there is a release from the	20	realized when they signed that document in
21	system at a point other than the permitted	21	December of 2004 that any permits that they
22	outfalls under the permit, the combined	22	were going to issue after that fact should
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1	system has outfalls that are specifically	1	have compliance schedules and permits that
2	identified in the permit.	2	assure compliance with that 2010 deadline.
3	If WASA were to release flow from	3	One of the other things I struggled
4	some location other than those permitted		
5		4	a bit with was the statement that I
	outfalls, that would be a violation of the	45	a bit with was the statement that I believe one of the questions to EPA was,
6	outfalls, that would be a violation of the permit. So in sum and substance, it is	1	
67		5	believe one of the questions to EPA was,
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7 8 9	permit. So in sum and substance, it is difficult for us to imagine any circumstance	5 6 7	believe one of the questions to EPA was, "Well, why do you think you should do this in a consent decree and not in the permit?"
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20 standards viola	vill not preclude water quality	19	will conclude the hearing.
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