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The Honorable Mike DeWine
Chairman, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6025

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter communicates our findings on the promptness of payments the Department of the Interior made to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) for water and sewer services provided for the first quarter of fiscal year 2004, from October 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003 (in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001).


The National Park Service (NPS) pays DC WASA for services to the majority of the parks and NPS facilities within the District of Columbia by electronic transfer of funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury. For water and sewer services provided along the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GW Parkway) and within the C&O Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal), NPS pays individually by either check or third party draft directly to DC WASA.

NPS was timely in its first quarter electronic fund transfer payment of \$375,536 for the largest account. The parties responsible for the other locations' payments had not received first quarter bills at the time of our inquiry. In our next quarterly report, we will include information as to whether these bills have been received and paid in a timely manner.

Our November 6, 2003 report on fourth quarter billings indicated that NPS had not received fourth quarter bills for the GW Parkway and the C&O Canal. During our current review, we noted that billings for GW Parkway, totaling \$311, and the C&O Canal, totaling \$2,655 had been received and were paid in a timely manner.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Ms. Pamela Boteler, Director of External Affairs, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-3273.

Sincerely,


for Earl E. Devaney
Inspector General



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Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6025

Dear Senator Landrieu:

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Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6019

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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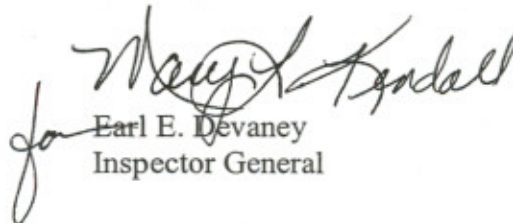
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Honorable Chaka Fattah
Ranking Minority Member
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Dear Congressman Fattah:

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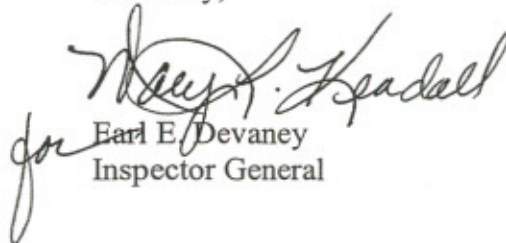
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