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Washington, DC 20240

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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 second quarter fiscal year 2004, from January 1, 2004, through March 31, 2004, (in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001).

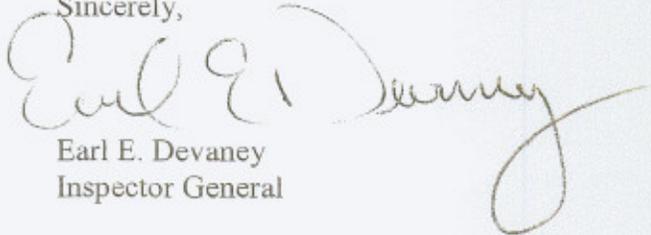
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NPS was timely in its second quarter electronic fund transfer payment of \$375,536.30 for the largest account. The parties responsible for the other locations' payments had not received second quarter bills at the time of our inquiry. In our next quarterly report, we will include information as to whether these bills have been received and paid in a timely manner.

Our February 13, 2004 report on first quarter billing indicated that NPS had not received first quarter bills. During our current review, we noted that billings had not been received and were not 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,



Earl E. Devaney
Inspector General



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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
Ranking Minority Member,
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
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Dear Senator Landrieu:

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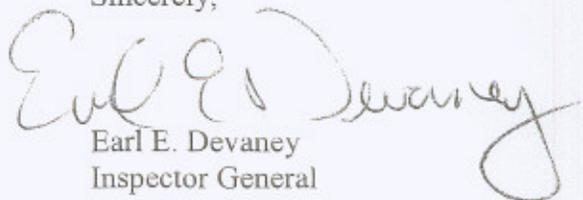
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Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6019

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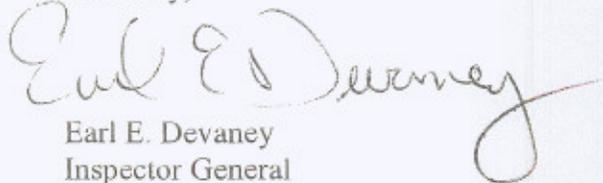
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Honorable Chaka Fattah
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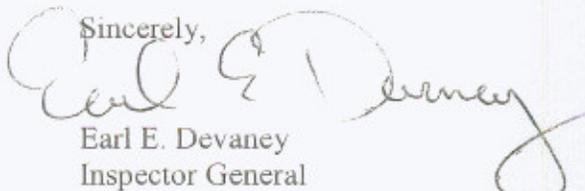
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