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Honorable John W. Olver Ranking Minority Member Subcommittee on the District of Columbia Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-6027

Dear Congressman Olver:

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 billed during the first quarter (October 1 through December 31) of fiscal year 2006.

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. Water and sewer services provided along the George Washington Memorial Parkway and within the C&O Canal National Historical Park are paid individually by either check or third party draft directly to DC WASA.

NPS was timely in its first quarter electronic fund transfer payment of \$286,035 for the largest account. The partial bill in the amount of \$20 received for the C&O Canal National Historical Park locations was paid in a timely manner. NPS had not received all of the 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.

We also found that the fourth quarter bill for the C&O Canal National Historical Park in the amount of \$5,138 which was received in the first quarter was paid in a timely manner. The fourth quarter bill for the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the amount of \$1,291 was received on November 9, 2005, and paid on January 5, 2006.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Mr. Roy Kime, Attorney Advisor, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-6232.

Sincerely,

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