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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
Washington, DC 20240

JUL 27 2006

The Honorable Sam Brownback
Chairman
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1604

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 billed during the third quarter (April 1 through June 30) of fiscal year 2006.

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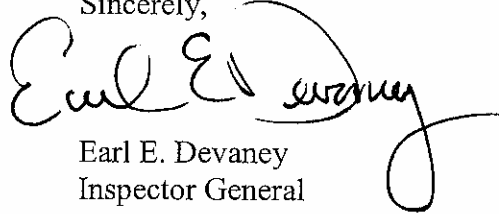
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Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Mr. Roy Kime, Attorney Advisor, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-6232.

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Earl E. Devaney
Inspector General



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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1804

Dear Senator Landrieu:

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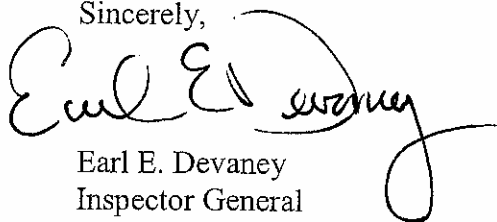
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The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Transportation,
Treasury, Housing and Urban Development,
the Judiciary, District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2209

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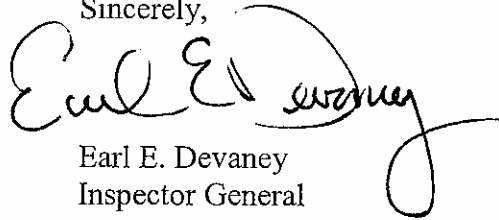
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The Honorable John W. Olver
Ranking Minority Member
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the Judiciary, District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2101

Dear Congressman Olver:

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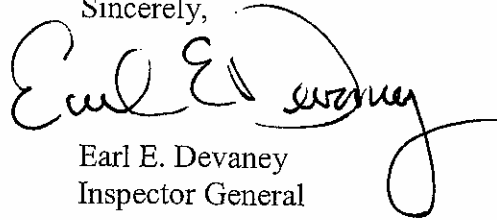
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