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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1304

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 first quarter (October 1 through December 31, 2006) of fiscal year 2007.

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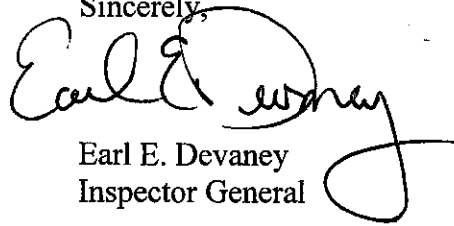
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Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Mr. Roy Kime, Attorney Advisor, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-6232.

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The Honorable Sam Brownback  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1604

Dear Senator Brownback:

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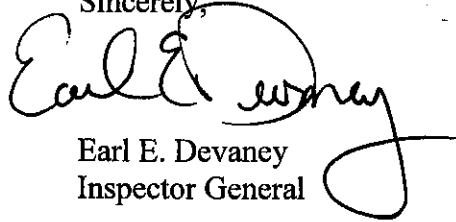
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The Honorable Josè E. Serrano  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
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Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3216

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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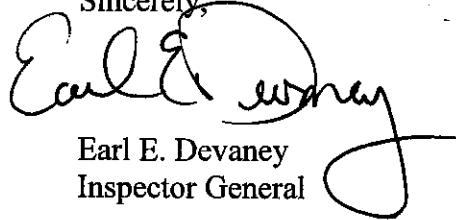
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The Honorable Ralph Regula  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
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Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3516

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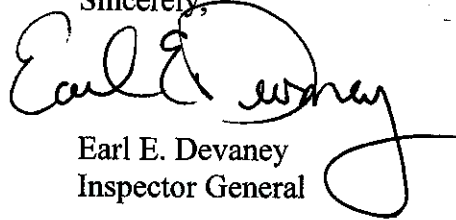
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