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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
Washington, D.C. 20240

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The Honorable 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, National Park Service (NPS) made to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA) for water and sewer services billed during the first quarter (October 1 through December 31, 2007) of fiscal year 2008.

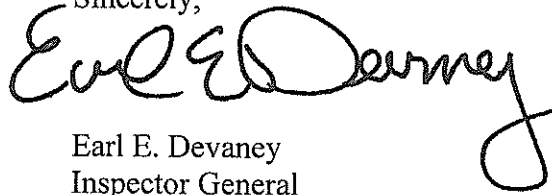
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Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Mr. Roy Kime, Attorney Advisor, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-6232.

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

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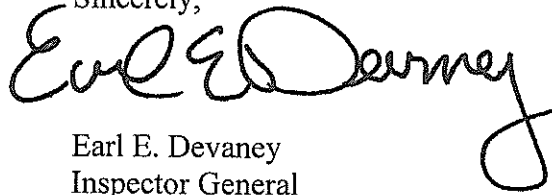
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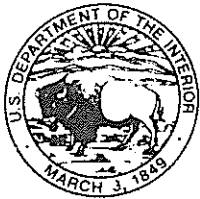
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Subcommittee on Financial Services
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Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3216

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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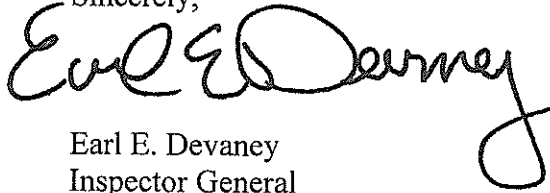
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Ranking Minority Member
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3516

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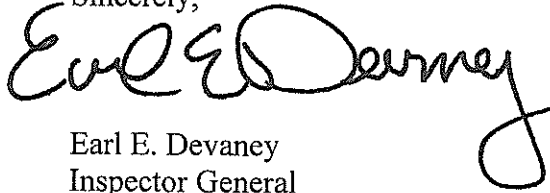
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