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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, 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 (September 1 through December 31, 2008) of fiscal year 2009.


NPS pays DCWASA 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 DCWASA.

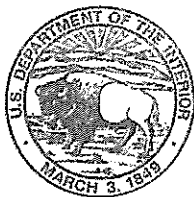
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NPS had not received all of the first quarter bills at the time of our inquiry. In our next quarterly report, we will include information as to whether these bills have been received and paid in a timely manner.

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,

  
for Earl E. Devaney  
Inspector General



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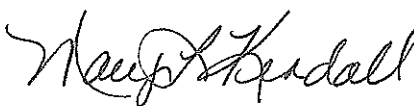
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The Honorable Jose E. Serrano  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3216

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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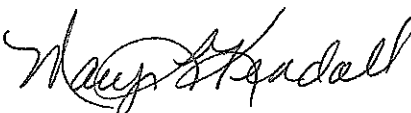
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The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2508

Dear Congressman Emerson:

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