

# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Washington, DC 20240

APR 29 2009

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 second quarter (January 1 through March 31, 2009) of fiscal year 2009.


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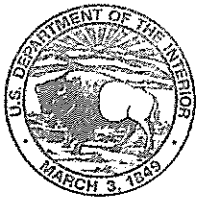
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Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745.

Sincerely,

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Mary L. Kendall  
Acting Inspector General



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The Honorable Susan M. Collins  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1304

Dear Senator Collins:

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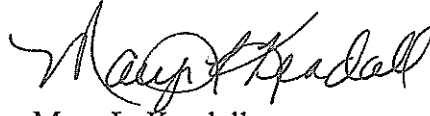
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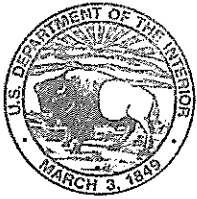
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The Honorable Jose E. Serrano  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3216

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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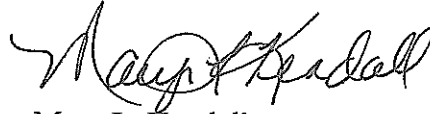
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The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2508

Dear Ms. Emerson:

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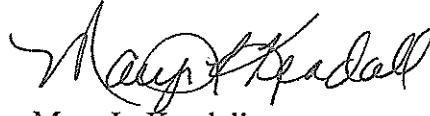
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