



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Washington, DC 20240

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OCT 31 2005

The Honorable Sam Brownback  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-6025

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 fourth quarter (July 1 through September 30) of fiscal year 2005.

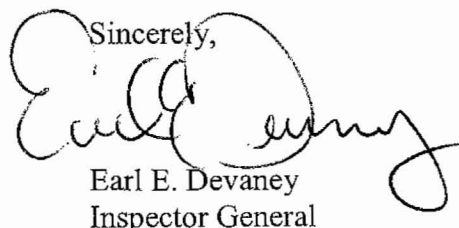
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We also found that third quarter bills received in the fourth quarter for the C&O Canal National Historical Park in the amount of \$5,678 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the amount of \$1,237 were paid in a timely manner.

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,



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 20510-6025

Dear Senator Landrieu:

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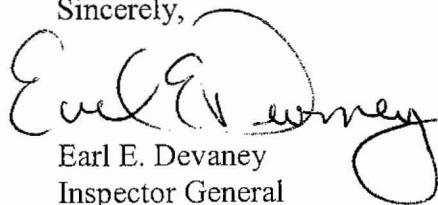
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Chairman  
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Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6019

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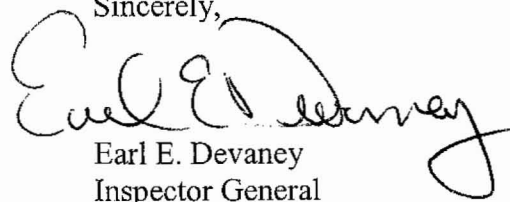
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The Honorable John W. Olver  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3802

Dear Congressman Olver:

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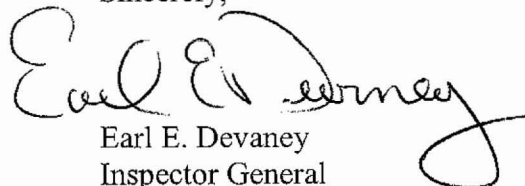
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