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February 21, 2003

The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
Chair, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6025

Dear Chairwoman Landrieu:

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 provided from October 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 (in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001).

The National Park Service (NPS) has five accounts with DC WASA. The largest of these accounts funds services for the majority of the parks and NPS facilities within the District of Columbia and is paid by electronic transfer of funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Water and sewer services found along the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GW Parkway) and within the C&O Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal) are paid individually by either check or third party draft directly to DC WASA and are funded out of the four remaining accounts.

The NPS was timely in its first quarter electronic fund transfer payment of \$556,988.84 for the largest account. The parties responsible for the other locations' payments had not received 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.

Our November 5, 2002 report on fourth quarter billings indicated that NPS had not received bills from DC WASA for the accounts that fund services for GW Parkway and C&O Canal. As a follow-up, these bills have been received and paid in a timely manner. The fourth bill for the third quarter that was not received as of the November 5, 2002 report appears to have been included and Paid in the fourth quarter bill. The fourth quarter bill did not indicate that a late payment was due.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Ms. Pamela Boteler, Director of External Affairs, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-3273.

Sincerely,

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Earl E. Devaney
Inspector General

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Honorable Mike DeWine
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6025

Dear Senator DeWine:

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Honorable Joe Knollenberg
Chairman, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6019

Dear Chairman Knollenberg:

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Honorable Chaka Fattah
Ranking Minority Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6019

Dear Congressman Fattah:

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