



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Washington, DC 20240

AUG - 9 2004

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
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 provided for third quarter (April 1 through June 30) of fiscal year 2004.

The National Park Service (NPS) pays DC WASA 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 (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.

NPS was timely in its third quarter electronic fund transfer payment of \$375,536.30 for the largest account. The parties responsible for the other locations' payments had not received third 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 February 13, 2004 report on first quarter billings indicated that NPS had not received first quarter bills for the GW Parkway and C&O Canal. Our May 3, 2004 report on second quarter billings indicated that NPS had not received second quarter bills for the GW Parkway and C&O Canal. During our current review, we noted that GW Parkway's first and second quarter bills have been received and paid in a timely manner. The C & O Canal received four first and second quarter bills from DC WASA. One bill has been paid in a timely manner and the three other bills are being reviewed since both GW Parkway and C&O Canal have a combined credit with WASA of \$5,815.00. In our next quarterly report, we will also include information on the results and resolutions of NPS' review.

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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for Earl E. Devaney  
Inspector General

Honorable Chaka Fattah  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6019

Dear Congressman Fattah:

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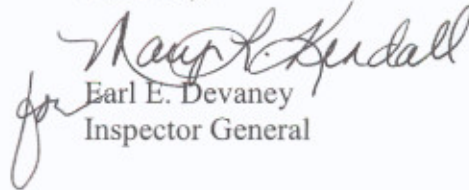
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