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We would be delighted to discuss any of our comments on the draft Permit if that would help. Best, George

Subject: Draft DC MS4 Permit

Dear ~~Mr. Miller~~ Garry,

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) submits the attached comments in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) permit to the Government of the District of Columbia, issued on April 21, 2010.

DC WASA has a long history of strongly supporting efforts to improve water quality in our waterways, including the reduction of pollutants in stormwater. Of course, our Long Term Control Plan will by itself remove the stormwater that currently overflows into our Rivers from a large part of the District, and separately we support comprehensive efforts to support Low Impact Development and reductions to pollutants in the separate storm sewer system. While many of the issues raised by the draft permit and our comments are certainly negotiable – we felt it important to provide a comprehensive set of comments and proposed changes – to help further the goal of developing a permit that is both bold in content but also attainable for a jurisdiction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft permit. If you require additional information, please contact Mohsin Siddique, at 202-787-2634.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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