



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

Interested Parties

February 18, 2011

Enclosed for your review and comment are the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012 Intended Use Plan (IUP) and proposed drinking water improvements Project Priority List (PPL). The funding for the proposed projects is provided under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 which assist public drinking water systems in updating and improving their infrastructure. These funds will be awarded in the District of Columbia as grants. The PPL presents a long term strategy while the IUP focuses on how funds will be expended during the Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012 periods.

To ensure the best use of Federal funds, proposed drinking water infrastructure projects are evaluated and ranked using a Project Priority Rating System developed jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III, the District of Columbia Department of the Environment, and DC Water also known as the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. Projects are rated on their contribution to public health, compliance with regulatory standards, and maintaining drinking water reliability, safety, and environmental protection.

Page three of the IUP identifies a priority listing of all projects expected to be undertaken in this two year period. Since these funds are less than the total needs, shorter lists of the most likely candidate projects to receive these funds were developed and are included for each fiscal year on page three.

Note that unique to FY 2010 funds is a "green project reserve" component, i.e. provided there are sufficient projects, a minimum of 20% (\$2,714,600) of the total FY 2010 allotment is to be used to fund "green projects." This is more fully described on page one of the IUP. Except for the selection and funding of "green projects", the projects listed in the PPL will be funded in priority order unless by-passed by lower ranked projects owing to exigent circumstances and their implementability.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is soliciting public comment on the enclosed draft Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012 Intended Use Plan and the draft Project Priority List. A public hearing will be held if significant concerns are expressed. If you have any concerns with or objections to the Intended Use Plan or Priority Project List, please contact Mr. Kenneth Pantuck in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter at:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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