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Re: DCWASA Unidirectional Flushing Program Update

Dear Mr. Capacasa,

I am pleased to submit this status update for the District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority's (WASA) 2005 flushing program. WASA has flushed approximately 82% of the distribution system. Staffing consists of three in-house unidirectional flushing crews, five contracted unidirectional flushing crews, one contracted vacuum truck crew and two in-house marking crews. This resource commitment should decline as we near completion of the flushing program.

We originally projected a September 30, 2005 completion date for the flushing program; however, the projected time needed at each hydrant was inadequate to ensure the system was flushed properly. As a result, WASA had to revise its expected completion date to November 18, 2005.

You also requested a final flushing report and the proposed 2006 Flushing Plan by November 1 2005. We respectfully request an extension until December 10, 2005 to submit the final update of the attached map and data and to January 10, 2006 to submit the proposed plan. This will give us time to complete the flushing program, prepare the post September 15, 2005 supplemental data, and to reach internal consensus on a draft flushing program for 2006.

If you have any questions or would like to continue discussions regarding this report or WASA's extension request please contact me at (202) 787–2610 or Rich Giani at (202) 612-3441.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: