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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Victor M. Mercado, Director  
Detroit Water and Sewer Department  
735 Randolph Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: NPDES Compliance Inspection  
Detroit Water and Sewer Department  
Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program

Dear Mr. Mercado:

On April 26 through 28 and June 14 through 21, 2005, representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) National Enforcement Investigations Center, the USEPA Region 5 Office, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, conducted an inspection of the Detroit Water and Sewer Department's (DWSD) Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Program. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate DWSD's compliance with applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements related to CSO control implementation.

During the inspection two potential violations were identified. These are noted in the enclosed report as Areas of Noncompliance. The report also lists eight areas of concern which may be problematic for DWSD in the future if they are not addressed. Please provide a written response within 60 (sixty) calendar days of receipt of this letter. Your response should include a schedule and plan of action for implementing corrective actions to address the potential violations. If DWSD has already taken corrective actions, please identify the actions taken and the dates the actions were completed. In addition, please identify any completed, ongoing, or planned actions along with completion dates or schedules for completion to address the areas of concern. If DWSD chooses not to make any adjustments to address any area of concern, please provide the reasons why no change will occur.

DWSD's cooperation during the completion of this inspection is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or the enclosed report, please contact Mr. Valdis Aistars of my staff at (312) 886-0264.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas L. Bramscher".

Thomas L. Bramscher, Chief  
Section 1  
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

Enclosure

cc: Gary Fujita, Deputy Director, DWSD wo/enclosure  
Phil Argiroff, MDEQ w/encl.