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September 9, 2010

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As the leading advocacy organization representing the nation's municipal wastewater treatment agencies, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has greatly appreciated your commitment to providing needed funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). This funding assisted the nation's communities in addressing key water quality challenges and in generating needed jobs during the economic downturn.

Clearly, however, more needs to be done. The Nation's water infrastructure needs continue to grow. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gave a grade of D- for the Nation's clean water infrastructure – the lowest grade in the ASCE report card. In addition, estimates by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), show nearly \$300 billion in needs for wastewater and stormwater over the next 20 years and EPA estimates a \$500 billion gap between current investment and projected needs in water infrastructure through 2020. In fact, needs throughout the Nation are so large that after taking into account investments provided by ARRA there are still over \$56 billion in projects that await SRF assistance.

At the same time, water infrastructure investments are proven to help spur the economy and create jobs. Numerous studies show that every \$1 billion invested in water infrastructure projects creates between 20,000- 27,000 jobs as well as an economic ripple effect that adds \$2.87 to \$3.46 billion to the economy.

In line with your support of water infrastructure in the ARRA, NACWA strongly encourages you to include water infrastructure investments in any proposed infrastructure package designed to put Americans back to work. We look forward to continuing to work with your administration on this matter and thank you again for your support of water infrastructure investments.

Sincerely,



Ken Kirk
Executive Director

CC: The Honorable Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director, White House Office of
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The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency



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