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February 22, 2001

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Whitman:

The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) congratulates you on your appointment as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). AMSA represents the interests of the country's publicly-owned wastewater treatment agencies. AMSA member agencies serve the majority of the sewered population in the United States, treating and reclaiming more than 18 billion gallons of wastewater each day. AMSA member agencies play a major part in local communities, often leading watershed management efforts, promoting industrial/household pollution prevention and water conservation, and developing urban stormwater management programs. For over 30 years AMSA has worked with EPA and Congress to promote science-based, technically sound, and cost-effective approaches to the development and implementation of our nation's key environmental programs. We look forward to working with you and your staff on a broad range of issues concerning water quality, the environment, and public health.

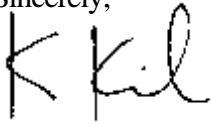
We are pleased to enclose AMSA's *Regulatory Priorities* for your review and consideration. This summary document contains AMSA's recommendations on important issues impacting our progress toward cleaning the nation's waters. The interrelated issues in AMSA's *Regulatory Priorities* highlight several challenges that must be addressed to ensure the future success of America's clean water programs. In particular, our *Regulatory Priorities* identify infrastructure funding, total maximum daily loads, and the signed proposed sanitary sewer overflow rule as time-sensitive, critical issues that EPA must address in the near future. AMSA is committed to working with EPA and other stakeholders to develop innovative and effective solutions to these complex challenges.

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We will contact your staff to schedule an appointment to discuss our *Regulatory Priorities* with you. You also will receive an invitation to speak during our annual National Environmental Policy Forum, May 19-23 in Washington, D.C. We look forward to introducing our members to you and engaging you and your staff on these significant issues. In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding AMSA's *Regulatory Priorities*, please contact me at (202) 833-4653. Again, congratulations and best of luck in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, bold "K" at the beginning.

Ken Kirk  
Executive Director