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September 20, 2001

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

Re: Wastewater Infrastructure Security

Dear Governor Whitman:

In the wake of last week's tragic terrorist attacks, it has become clear that the nation must increase its efforts to protect our water systems, including our wastewater treatment, collection and distribution systems. The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) has a long history of working cooperatively and expeditiously with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water personnel, and we have been pleased to continue that partnership this week with an early dialogue with the Agency on wastewater infrastructure security.

Please know that AMSA stands ready to help your Agency at this critical juncture and to assist you and your staff in assessing the status of wastewater infrastructure security in the U.S. and together to plan for the future. As the sole representative of public wastewater treatment agencies, AMSA is uniquely qualified to assist EPA in areas such as information and data collection, communications and policy development. AMSA represents over 260 of the nation's publicly owned wastewater utilities, including virtually all the large metropolitan wastewater utilities. Collectively, AMSA's members serve the majority of the sewered population in the United States and are dedicated public servants seeking to ensure the public's security.

We also have been engaged this week in a dialogue with staff of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment in anticipation of an upcoming hearing on wastewater infrastructure security.

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As the federal government moves forward to assess and prepare for security threats that may utilize or endanger wastewater treatment facilities and collection systems, AMSA looks forward to working with EPA and other organizations at the federal, state and local levels, to make our water utilities, and our nation, safer for all.

I can be contacted at AMSA's Washington, DC headquarters at 202/833-4653. Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ken Kirk in black ink.

Ken Kirk
Executive Director

cc: G. Tracy Mehan, III
Assistant Administrator for Water

Michael B. Cook
Director Office of Wastewater Management



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National Infrastructure Protection Center
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935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535-0001

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AMSA also has a strong history of working cooperatively and expeditiously with various federal offices, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Congress. AMSA has already been contacted by EPA to participate in a key dialogue with the Agency on wastewater infrastructure security. We also have been contacted by the staff of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment in anticipation of an upcoming hearing on wastewater infrastructure security.

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Ken Kirk
Executive Director