

COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW EVENT INDICATORS
Potomac and Anacostia Rivers
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

June 29, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for the construction of two combined sewer overflow event indicators and related monitoring/electrical upgrades on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3.30(38.00)42048.

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The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA), has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for the construction of two combined sewer overflow (CSO) event indicators along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers in Washington, D.C. The proposal also includes monitoring upgrades and electrical control panel installation at existing diversion structures nearby. The design of the event indicators includes two lights to indicate active or recent overflow activity as well as signs and control cabinets; all are mounted onto a 4" diameter steel pole.

DCWASA is undertaking this project in response to a 2003 Consent Decree that mandates improvements in the agency's combined sewer overflow (CSO) control deficiencies. The indicators will alert the public when CSO activities are current (indicated with a red light) or have occurred within the last 24-hour period (indicated with an amber light).

DCWASA and the National Park Service have determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion because there is minimal or no effect on the environment and no significant changes to existing environmental conditions resulting from the minor ground disturbance and construction associated with the two light posts and related electrical and monitoring upgrades.

Staff has determined that the project meets the requirements of Categorical Exclusion criteria of §8(C)(21) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures.

NCPC staff has independently reviewed the project, and has determined that the installation of the Potomac River overflow indicator will have no adverse affect on the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. The installation of the Anacostia River overflow indicator will not affect historic properties.

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