

**POTOMAC INTERCEPTOR  
LONG TERM ODOR ABATEMENT PROJECT**

Montgomery County, MD and  
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

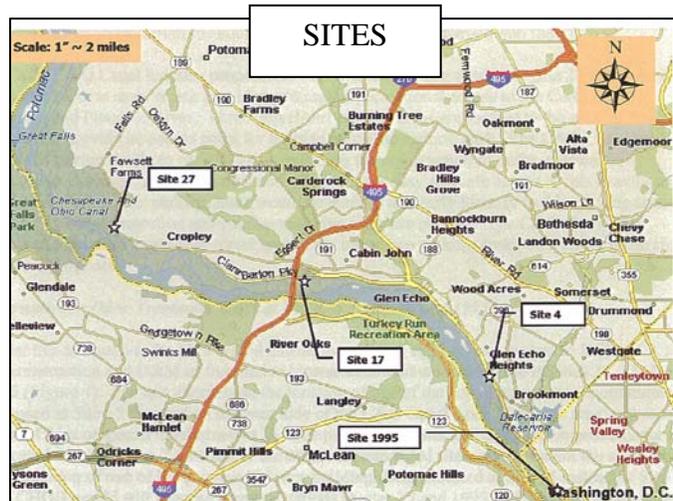
January 29, 2009

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve preliminary and final site and building plans for construction of the proposed Long Term Odor Abatement Project along the Potomac Interceptor with building sites in Montgomery County, Maryland and Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No 00.00(38.00)42683.

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The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, a District of Columbia agency, has filed an application for a proposed Long Term Odor Abatement Project along the Potomac Interceptor, a 50-mile, sanitary sewer system that extends from Dulles International Airport to the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The proposal consists of four sites on National Park Service property: three sites in Maryland (sites 4, 17, and 27) and one site in the District of Columbia (site 1995). The three sites in Maryland are all located in Montgomery County; two along Clara Barton Parkway and one near the Old Anglers Inn. The one site in the District of Columbia is along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal across from Fletcher's Boathouse.



The applicant is proposing an unstaffed building of approximately 1,800 square feet at each of the four sites to house odor control equipment. This equipment consists of a blower, a carbon filter and an exhaust vent. The buildings will be connected below ground to the Potomac Interceptor. The blower will force the air from the Potomac Interceptor up through a carbon filter to be discharged outside through the roof. Each building will be soundproofed to minimize the sound of the blower. Two of the buildings, sites 1995 and 27, will also contain public restroom facilities at the request of the National Park Service because there are trails and recreation facilities nearby. Vehicle access will also be provided because the carbon filter material needs to be periodically replenished.



The applicant submitted an Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact and correspondence from the Maryland and D.C. State Historic Preservation Officers stating no adverse impacts. NCPC is advisory for District of Columbia projects outside of the Central Area and it has no independent NEPA or Section 106 obligation for this project.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed and coordinated the proposal at its January 14, 2009 meeting.

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Executive Director