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Mr. David L. Gadis  
CEO and General Manager  
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Dear Mr. Gadis:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled “Corrosion, Collapse, and Clean-Up: Examining the Potomac Interceptor Collapse.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Your responses should be mailed to Seth Ricketts, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to [Seth.Ricketts@mail.house.gov](mailto:Seth.Ricketts@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly distinguishable.

John Joyce, M.D.  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

cc: Yvette Clarke, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

## **Additional Questions for the Record**

### **The Honorable John Joyce (R-PA)**

1. During the hearing, you committed to providing the Committee with a list of locations for three projects that were prioritized for repair after surveys of the full Potomac Interceptor pipe were completed. As you described during your testimony, these projects were prioritized after the January 19, 2026, collapse occurred. In a recent community meeting on June 11, 2026, DC Water officials noted that there are four locations that have been identified. Then, in a follow up document you sent to the Subcommittee on June 16, 2026, you stated that there are five sections that require urgent repair.<sup>1</sup> What is the total number of locations that have been identified as needing to be prioritized for repair since the January collapse? Please provide a list of all the locations.
  - a. Please provide the Committee with additional details and any related documentation for each of these projects that are being prioritized, including:
    - i. Why these areas of the Potomac Interceptor are being prioritized, including when assessments of these sections were conducted and what they revealed that made DC Water prioritize these sections for repair, whether the location a factor, etc.;
    - ii. When these areas of the Potomac Interceptor were first identified as sections that need repair;
    - iii. What changed post January 19, 2026, collapse that made these sections of the Potomac Interceptor a high priority for repair; and
    - iv. When these projects are scheduled or expected to begin and be completed.
2. What was the internal risk score or assessment assigned to the section of the Potomac Interceptor that collapsed as of the most recent assessment before the January 19 collapse, and how did that compare to other sections currently in the active rehabilitation queue?
  - a. How does DC Water determine the sequencing of rehabilitation work? Is it based solely on the risk score, or are there other factors associated with that decision?
3. Has DC Water ever received conflicting reports on sections of the Potomac Interceptor, where one assessment said a section of the Potomac Interceptor was stable while another assessment indicated that the same section was in immediate need of repair?
  - a. If so, please provide details on those assessments, including what section of the Potomac Interceptor was being assessed, who conducted these assessments, when the assessments were conducted, and what the discrepancies were.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from David Gadis, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, DC Water, to John Joyce, M.D., Chairman, Subcomm. on Oversight and Investigations, H. Comm. on Energy and Commerce (Jun. 16, 2026) (on file with the Committee).

- b. What efforts did DC Water undertake to address these discrepancies? For example, did DC Water have additional assessments conducted?
4. Have any changes to DC Water’s inspection protocols, internal risk escalation procedures, and emergency preparedness plans been implemented since the Potomac Interceptor collapse on January 19, 2026? If so, what changes have been made?
5. On June 5, 2026, DC Water’s Board of Directors voted to “separate” you from your position as CEO and General Manager of DC Water.<sup>2</sup> When did you learn of the decision to call this vote?
  - a. When does the Board’s decision take effect?
  - b. What was the reason, or reasons, given for your removal?
6. According to recent reports, you were placed on a performance improvement plan (PIP) prior to the Potomac Inceptor’s collapse on January 19, 2026, due to “concerns about [your] management.”<sup>3</sup> Please provide details about this PIP including the reason for the PIP, when were you placed on the PIP, how long the PIP was in place, and what was done to remedy the issues the PIP intended to address.
7. Recent reports indicate that you had previously been a “central figure in the Flint, Michigan, water crisis as a top executive for Veolia, an engineering firm that later paid \$53 million to settle civil claims alleging it contributed to and prolonged Flint’s lead disaster.”<sup>4</sup> Please provide a description of your involvement in this incident.

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<sup>2</sup> Mark Segraves, *DC Water voters to remove CEO David Gadis after Potomac sewage spill*, NBC4 (Jun. 5, 2026), <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/dc-water-votes-to-remove-ceo-david-gadis-after-potomac-sewage-spill/4113261/>.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*