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The Honorable John Joyce, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information to the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations ("Committee"), regarding the January 19, 2026, Potomac Interceptor collapse.

Following the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's ("DC Water") July 22, 2026, response to the Committee's July 8, 2026, letter, Committee staff requested additional clarification regarding Questions 5 through 7. DC Water respectfully provides the following supplemental responses based on information available through DC Water's institutional records, publicly available Board actions, and the Authority's current knowledge.

These responses are provided consistent with applicable legal obligations, including confidentiality requirements governing personnel matters and employment-related information. Where information relates to confidential personnel matters, DC Water is limited in the level of detail it can provide but remains committed to providing all information that can appropriately be disclosed.

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. 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?**

DC Water Response:

DC Water is not in a position to speak to when Mr. Gadis learned of the Board's June 5, 2026, vote to authorize a search for his successor. On July 3, 2026, the Board voted to appoint an Interim General Manager and CEO. I, Matthew Brown, was appointed to that role effective that date.

The Board's decision was a personnel matter, and DC Water does not disclose confidential personnel information.

6. According to recent reports, you were placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) prior to the Potomac Interceptor's collapse on January 19, 2026, due to "concerns about [your] management." Please provide details about this PIP including the reason for the PIP, when you were placed on the PIP, how long the PIP was in place, and what was done to remedy the issues the PIP intended to address.

DC Water Response:

As noted above, DC Water does not disclose information about confidential personnel matters.

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." Please provide a description of your involvement in this incident.

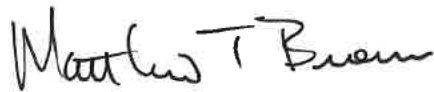
DC Water Response:

This question concerns Mr. Gadis' employment and professional activities prior to joining DC Water. DC Water was not involved in those matters and cannot provide any information about Mr. Gadis' role or involvement in matters related to his employment with Veolia.

DC Water appreciates the Committee's continued engagement and oversight regarding matters related to the Potomac Interceptor. DC Water remains committed to transparency, accountability, and cooperation with the Committee and will continue to provide relevant information within its possession consistent with applicable legal and confidentiality obligations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,



Matthew T. Brown
Interim Chief Executive Officer & General Manager