



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

November 27, 2007

Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson,

Enclosed please find a petition, along with attachments, seeking overdue and needed improvements to the Environmental Protection Agency's secondary treatment requirements for wastewater treatment plants.

This petition is filed on behalf of the following groups, many of which are membership organizations that are collectively supported by millions of individuals: the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest, the Sierra Club, the Waterkeeper Alliance, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Midwest Environmental Advocates, the Prairie Rivers Network, the Iowa Environmental Council, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, American Rivers, and the Gulf Restoration Network.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the materials presented in this petition with you and your staff.

Should you have any questions about the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 289-2361.

Sincerely,

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