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## News Release

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### **Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Board of Water Commissioners adopts Policy to suspend contractors who have or may have caused economic or non-economic harm to DWSD**

The Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) yesterday by vote adopted a policy that companies referenced in the United States of America v Kwame M. Kilpatrick, et al., USDC Case No. CR-10-2-403 NGE whose actions, during the period of 2002-2008, have or may have caused economic or non-economic harm to the DWSD shall be considered non-responsible bidders.

As a result of this policy, the thirteen companies (including parent corporations, subsidiaries, limited liability companies, joint ventures, and affiliates) will be suspended from bidding on and being awarded new contracts with DWSD until December 31, 2014. The companies affected by this policy are identified in the federal indictment.

"Yesterday's action ensures that DWSD business is conducted with full transparency and fairness, and that the interests of all users of our regional system are protected," said James Fausone, BOWC Chair.

According to Fausone, the full Board will reconsider the parties and suspension period upon receiving additional information from the US Attorney's office. In addition, a company may appeal to an ad hoc committee of the BOWC, appointed by the Chair. The committee will receive evidence and information and report to the entire Board at which time the suspension can only be modified by motion of the full Board.

DWSD provides water service to the entire city of Detroit and 126 southeastern Michigan communities throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Lapeer, Genesee, Washtenaw and Monroe counties. Wastewater service is also provided to an area that encompasses Detroit and 76 neighboring communities.

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