



Member

Iowa Water Pollution Control Association

April 12, 2005

The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
Chairman, Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
B-379 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Via Electronic Mail

Re: For the April 13, 2005 Wastewater Blending Hearing Record

Dear Representative Duncan,

On behalf of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association (IWPCA), I thank you for holding the April 13, 2005 hearing on wastewater blending under the Clean Water Act. Blending is a critical wet weather management practice for our member communities. With blending, our member communities can provide the maximum clean water treatment possible to handle exceptionally heavy rains and snow melt, while still meeting permit limits – which are set to protect public health and the environment. Blending protects public utility infrastructure by preventing washout of sensitive biological systems, and protects public health by preventing sewer backups into homes and businesses and collection system overflows. Blending also prevents the need for ‘supersizing’ plants that in addition to being very expensive, would impact the ability of the plant to treat normal wastewater flows and could threaten the plants ability to meet permit limits.

We commend you on your effort to review this important issue. We would welcome your support of a final national U.S. Environmental Protection Agency policy on wastewater blending that both will allow us to continue to provide the maximum wastewater treatment at the local level and increase publicly available information on blending.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 515-233-0000 or via e-mail at cschumacher@foxeng.com if you need further information regarding this topic.

Sincerely,

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