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**FORMER D.C. WATER SUPERVISOR SENTENCED
IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASE**

Washington, D.C. – On June 27, 2016, Mr. Londra Watson, former Permit Office Supervisor, D.C. Water, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 12 months of supervised probation and ordered to pay a special assessment in the amount of \$100 after pleading guilty to one count of felony criminal conflict of interest in March 2016.

A joint Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation revealed that between 2007 and February 2012, applicants seeking permits from D.C. Water provided checks totaling \$141,066 to Mr. Watson’s private company, Ardnol of DC, LLC (Ardnol). In return, Ardnol assisted the applicants in preparing design and plumbing plans and permit applications, and provided D.C. Water “permit expediting” services. In his official capacity as D.C. Water Permit Office Supervisor, Mr. Watson approved applications, directly or indirectly through his subordinates, and issued D.C. Water permits to a number of applicants who were Ardnol clients, all while failing to disclose his financial interest in Ardnol to D.C. Water.

Inspector General Daniel W. Lucas commends members of the OIG Investigations Unit and the FBI for their efforts in conducting this investigation. IG Lucas stated, “District employees who fail to disclose a financial interest in a company doing business with the District are in violation of the law. This case is especially egregious given that not only was the interest undisclosed, but the defendant financially benefited from it. My Office will continue to do this important work to ensure that the District’s resources are not at risk for fraud, waste and abuse.”

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