

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR UPGRADES AND APPLICATION OF THE POTOMAC RIVER SPILL MODEL TO A WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments COG understands that reliable and safe drinking water supplies are essential for the health, safety, and welfare of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has a significant interest in regional water supplies and as such plays a key coordination role in enhancing the reliability, security and protection of the National Capital Region's water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, COG considers Homeland Security and regional water security and reliability as priorities and has resolved to act as a coordinator and key partner along with area water and wastewater utilities to address those priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, COG established a Water Security Work Group to coordinate regional water security and reliability projects, and in that role has identified as a top priority the need to seek funding and develop regional water security programs and projects such as enhancements to the Potomac River Spill Model and estimating the probability of contaminant spills and the risk to water supplies in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has received an Urban Area Security Initiative grant (subgrant number 04-TU-09) to enhance the Potomac River Spill Model and estimate the probability of contaminant spills and the risk to water supplies in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of COG to work cooperatively with the other Water Security Work Group partners to implement projects that address regional drinking water and wastewater security priorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT;**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to expend Urban Area Security Initiative grant funding (subgrant number 04-TU-09) in an amount not to exceed \$347,000 for the purpose of providing funding to the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for upgrades to the Potomac River Spill Model and application of the model to assess the risk to water systems in the National Capital Region from different types of spills, contaminants, and locations on the Potomac River.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$400,000. The USGS will contribute \$53,000 from their Cooperative Water Program. No COG local matching funds are required.