

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING COMPOUNDS AND OTHER
COMPOUNDS OF EMERGING CONCERN IN THE
POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Council) supports regional approaches to insuring safe, clean and reliable drinking water supplies for the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, endocrine disrupting compounds and other compounds of emerging concern, as well as "intersex fish" have recently been identified in the Potomac River Watershed and in other water bodies across the country by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the USGS studies have raised concerns surrounding the affects certain compounds may have on the endocrine systems of living organisms; and

WHEREAS, there are ongoing national research efforts being conducted by federal agencies, water and wastewater associations, and others to evaluate potential human and environmental health risks associated with endocrine disrupting compounds and other compounds of emerging concern; and

WHEREAS, the national research is examining whether the presence of these compounds warrant changes in product design, public education about purchase and disposal of pharmaceuticals and personal care products as well as wastewater treatment, drinking water treatment, and watershed management; and

WHEREAS, the Council has a long and distinguished record of enhancing understanding about regional water quality issues and compounds of public health or environmental concern to ensure timely and appropriate public responses are made to protect public health and the environment;

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

1. The Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee work together with key stakeholders to assess the public health and environmental concerns posed by endocrine disrupting compounds and other compounds of emerging concern in the Potomac River Watershed.
2. Joint findings and recommendations shall be presented to the COG Board of Directors at the January, 2007 meeting and shall cover (1) existing data on water quality and environmental effects of compounds of emerging concern in the Potomac River Watershed; (2) potential solutions to reduce the concentrations of chemicals of concern in the Potomac River Watershed.