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Baltimore City OIG and Baltimore County OIG Issue Joint Report Identifying Millions of Dollars in Waste Related to the City/County Water System

Baltimore, Maryland – Baltimore City’s Inspector General Isabel Mercedes Cumming and Baltimore County’s Inspector General Kelly Madigan today announced the release of a joint report which identifies millions of dollars in waste related to the City/County water system. The joint report highlights two significant findings which are affecting water bills: (1) thousands of digital water meters in the City and the County that are not fully functional and (2) more than 8,000 open “tickets” pertaining to problems with County water accounts that have not been addressed by the City to the satisfaction of the County. This joint report also highlights the fact that the City and the County have awarded over \$133 million in contracts since late 2011 for the purpose of enhancing the water system. Despite the contract awards, major deficiencies persist; and consequently, the City and the County are losing out on millions of dollars in water and sewer revenues.

The Baltimore City OIG would like to thank the following, Department of Public Works, Mayor’s Office of Innovation and Performance, and the Mayor’s Office of Operations for its cooperation throughout the investigation. The Baltimore County OIG would like to thank the Baltimore County administration, especially the Metro Office, for its cooperation throughout the investigation. Click [here](#) to see a copy of the joint report with Baltimore City and Baltimore County administration responses attached.

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