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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Commissioners representing the Potomac basin jurisdictions on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), will convene for a quarterly business meeting at the agency's Rockville, Md., office on Tuesday December 4, 2007, where they will hear reports on ICPRB activities and continue discussion of agency roles in the future.

During the course of several meetings, commissioners and staff have assessed the role of ICPRB in helping the jurisdictions meet environmental goals using watershed management principals. The discussion will include new federal legislation that brings the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the table as a federal representative. The corps will soon be represented by one of ICPRB's three federal commissioners.

Commissioners also will be updated on advanced monitoring being conducted in the Potomac Estuary by Maryland and Virginia. The data collected are helpful both to ongoing ICPRB projects and for use in the Chesapeake Bay Program restoration efforts for the bay and estuary.

Commissioners will be briefed on a recent State of the Potomac report published by the nonprofit Potomac Conservancy and on a proposed transfer of water from the neighboring Susquehanna River basin that will be used and discharged into the Potomac drainage.

The one-day meeting is open to the public, but space is limited. If you would like to attend, please contact Bo Park at (301) 984-1908 ext. 101.

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The ICPRB is an interstate compact commission established by Congress in 1940. Its mission is the enhancement, protection, and conservation of the water resources of the Potomac River and its tributaries through regional and interstate cooperation. Represented by appointed commissioners, the ICPRB includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the federal government.