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## \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

### U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT DOUGLAS H. PALMER TO TESTIFY ON WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS

**Washington D.C** – The President of The United States Conference of Mayors, Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, will testify before the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security and Water Quality on Wednesday, September 19 at a hearing titled: “*Meeting America’s Wastewater Infrastructure needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*”

The purpose of the hearing is to hear recommendations for the reauthorization and expansion of the Clear Water State Revolving Fund. Mayor Palmer will emphasize that the cost for water infrastructure currently rests entirely with local governments, which currently pay for 99 percent of drinking water and 95 percent of clean-water services and infrastructure.

Reflected in item six of the Mayors’ Ten Point Plan, the Conference is calling for Congress to adopt measures to improve the nation’s infrastructure through tax incentives and bonds, and to ensure that cities will have the capability to provide clean water to residents in the future.

**WHO:** Trenton (NJ) Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, USCM President

**WHAT:** Senate Hearing on Meeting America’s Wastewater Infrastructure Needs

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - 10:00 am

**WHERE:** 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building

*The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.*

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