The list of facilities below describes DECA's April 2012 Clean Water Act (CWA) Watch List. EPA maintains a “Watch List” to facilitate dialogue between EPA, state and local agencies on enforcement matters relating to facilities with alleged violations identified as either significant or high priority. Being on the Watch List may not mean that the facility has actually violated the law nor that an evaluation or investigation by EPA or a state or local environmental agency has led those organizations to allege that an unproven violation has in fact occurred. The Watch List does not identify which alleged violations of environmental laws may pose the greatest risk to public health or the environment. It is an automated report based on data from the Permit Compliance System (PCS) and Integrated Compliance Information System National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES) databases, which are used by federal, state and local agencies to track CWA enforcement and compliance information.

Agencies input information into either PCS or ICIS-NPDES, including information about violations that are identified as significant noncompliance (SNC). Some facilities may appear on the Watch List due to data errors, which typically include those identified during the EPA’s review process and/or input by local or state agencies. If an agency has alleged that a violation has in fact occurred, the government agency with jurisdiction over the facility in SNC to initiate an appropriate enforcement response, in a timely manner, and input the action into either PCS or ICIS-NPDES, depending on which system the agency uses. Some facilities on the list are the subject of existing orders, and the Watch List does not identify which alleged violations are active in matters relating to facilities with alleged violations identified as either significant or high priority. Being on the Watch List may not mean that the facility has actually violated the law. It is an automated report based on data from the Permit Compliance System (PCS) and Integrated Compliance Information System National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES) databases, which are used by federal, state and local agencies to track CWA enforcement and compliance information.

Facilities on the List is a result of its use as a management tool to oversee adherence by EPA, state and local agencies to enforcement response policies. For detailed information, please see the Watch List Fact Sheet (www.epa-echo.gov/echo/docs/watch_list_fact_sheet.pdf).