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TCWN Director Meets with President-Elect Obama Transition Team
Water Resources Protection Top Concern for National Group

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Renée Victoria Hoyos, executive director of Tennessee Clean Water Network and board president of the national Clean Water Network, met with President-elect Obama's transition team Monday in Washington, D.C., along with 30 other state and national environmental groups to discuss water issues across the nation.

"The transition team was there to listen and collect stories to take back to the new administration," said Hoyos. "They were not there to give the President-elect policy guidance."

The transition team is meeting with hundreds of groups across the nation to determine what President-elect Obama can do to assist states managing their natural resources.

"The transition team told us they are hearing similar stories from across the county. Some of the most pressing issues are around the Clean Water Act Jurisdiction – what is a water of the nation," said Hoyos. "I made it clear to them the members of Tennessee Clean Water Network want to see more enforcement of environmental laws."

The transition team is still taking suggestions. Any comments may be sent to renee@tcwn.org. Comments will be compiled and forwarded to the team.

Tennessee Clean Water Network's mission is to claim our right to clean water and healthy communities by fostering civic engagement, building coalitions and advancing water policy for a sustainable future. TCWN is the **only statewide organization** solely dedicated to protecting our clean water resources. For more information, visit www.tcwn.org or call 865-522-7007.

The Clean Water Network (CWN) is a coalition of more than 1,200 public interest organizations across the country, representing more than 5 million people, working together to strengthen and implement federal clean water and wetlands policy. It is the largest national coalition working to

defend and strengthen the federal Clean Water Act. More information can be found at www.cleanwaternet.org.

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