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KURIANSKY NAMES DEP DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR UPSTATE WATERSHED

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1999 -- EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the appointment of IRWIN WEISS to the position of Special Deputy Inspector General for the Watershed within DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Weiss's office will be located in Valhalla, New York.

Commissioner Kuriansky said, "In this newly created position, Mr. Weiss will be responsible for monitoring the operations of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection within the New York City Watershed area. It is estimated that New York City will spend upwards of \$600 million in Watershed protection measures in the coming decade.

Mr. Weiss joins DOI after serving the past two years as Deputy General Counsel for the New York City Campaign Finance Board. Previously, he worked as an attorney in the Employee Disciplinary Division of the New York City Housing Authority. From 1988 to 1996, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and, prior to that, interned in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Before earning his law degree, Mr. Weiss worked in the public health field in the area of groundwater protection, serving as a Public Health Aide for the Nassau County Department of Health, Bureau of Water Pollution Control. He later became an Assistant Research Scientist in the New York State Psychiatric Institute's Department of Biological Psychiatry.

Mr. Weiss graduated cum laude from Union College in Schenectady, New York, in 1981 and received both his law degree and MBA from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1988.