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**JOSEPH M. MANKO AND JONATHAN RINDE OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER
& FOX, LLP SPOKE ON THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE
ON CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Philadelphia, PA (April 16, 2009) – Joseph M. Manko and Jonathan E. Rinde, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., recently spoke on the “Impact of the Federal Stimulus Package on Clean Water Infrastructure” at an information session for municipal officials at the Montgomery County Planning Commission in Norristown, Pa. The program was co-sponsored by 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, and Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP.

Manko and Rinde, along with fellow presenter, Paul Marchetti, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST), spoke on topics that included Connecting the Flow of Federal Dollars and Tax Incentives to Specific Projects; Funding Strategies and Application Processes; Federal and State Requirements and Legal Nuances; and the Meaning and Importance of Having Your Project Be Shovel Ready

Manko has 35 years of experience in environmental law and is a strong advocate and academic expert on environmental compliance and protection. He has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. Manko has served as a lecturer-in-law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, teaching courses on environmental law, practice and policy, and as a guest lecturer at Vermont Law School. He graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964. He currently serves as co-chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia and on the Fairmount Park Commission. Finally, Manko serves as the Governor’s designee to chair PENNVEST, which is responsible for making grants and loans of hundreds of million dollars for clean water, drinking water and stormwater infrastructure projects throughout the Commonwealth.

At MGKF, Rinde’s practice includes matters relating to the environmental aspects of real estate development and management, water, and waste regulation and permitting, wetlands regulations, brownfields redevelopment, military base conversions, business transactions, and environmental litigation. He graduated cum laude from Temple University Law School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a Masters of Regional Planning from the University of Michigan. Currently, Rinde serves as Vice Chairman of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, is on the Board of Directors for the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation, and chairs the Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

MGKF concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation. It represents clients ranging from Fortune 100 corporations to small, privately held enterprises, both in the Mid-Atlantic Region and on a national basis. MGKF’s offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania and 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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