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Dear Ms. Dalmasy:

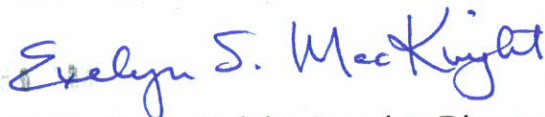
Thank you for notifying the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III (EPA) on October 17, 2018 that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has shifted the individual wasteload allocations in the Technical Memorandum for the nutrient total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Middle Chester River (TMDL originally approved by EPA on November 28, 2006). MDE took this action in connection with a permit request from Worton-Butlertown wastewater treatment plant to MDE. Consistent with the terms and reservation in the original Technical Memorandum, MDE shifted individual nitrogen and phosphorus wasteload allocations among facilities without changing the sum of wasteload allocations. The reallocation of the individual wasteload allocations do not affect the sum of wasteload allocations and the nonpoint source load allocations (LAs), and the overall TMDL remains unchanged.

The shifts in individual wasteload allocations were made available for public comment from August 30, 2018 to October 1, 2018 and MDE has responded to comments submitted by EPA. The individual wasteload allocations are consistent with EPA's regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. EPA will update its records to reflect the shifted wasteload allocations, and EPA recommends that MDE likewise update its Continuous Planning Process (CPP). Please note that the newly shifted wasteload allocations should be considered the "approved" wasteload allocations for the sources in the TMDL for purposes of 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(d)(1)(vii)(B). Please note that this communication is limited to the shifts among individual wasteload allocations in the technical memorandum and is not part of the process described at 33 U.S.C. §§ 1342(d) & (e).



If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Additionally, your staff may contact Jillian Adair at [adair.jillian@epa.gov](mailto:adair.jillian@epa.gov) or 215-814-5713.

Sincerely,



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