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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Angie Garcia, US Environmental Protection Agency Region III  
**FROM:** Tony Allred, Maryland Department of the Environment – Science Services Administration  
**RE:** Review of the Approval Letter and Decision Rationale for the Double Pipe Creek Watershed, Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load.  
**DATE:** May 10, 2013.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has reviewed the Approval Letter and Decision Rationale for the following Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL):

“Total Maximum Daily Load of Phosphorus in the Double Pipe Creek Watershed, Frederick and Carroll Counties, Maryland”

As a result of this review, the following changes are requested:

### *Approval Letter*

The last sentence of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph and the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph should say that the watershed was identified on “Maryland’s Integrated Report” as impaired rather than on “Maryland’s 303(d) List”. The common naming convention, which has been used within TMDL and Water Quality Analysis (WQA) reports for the past several years by MDE, is to refer to the “Integrated Report” rather than the 303(d) List. In the Decision Rationale, this same revision applies to the text in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 1 and the first sentence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph on page 4.

### *Decision Rationale*

The last sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph on page 5 of the Decision Rationale says that “The resulting loads are considered the maximum allowable loads the watershed can receive without causing any nutrient related impacts to aquatic health”. The more accurate description, as per the TMDL documentation, is that “The resulting loads are considered the maximum allowable loads the watershed can receive without causing any nutrient related impact to aquatic life.” This same revision applies to the text in the last sentence of the last paragraph on page 6 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 7.

