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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Maria Garcia, EPA Region III  
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**FROM:** Melissa Chatham

**RE:** Review of the Approval Letter for the Gwynns Falls Watershed Sediment TMDL

**DATE:** July 26, 2010

MDE has reviewed the approval letter and decision rationale for the following TMDL:

Total Maximum Daily Load of Sediment in the Gwynns Falls Watershed, Baltimore City and Baltimore County, Maryland.

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

### *Decision Rationale*

Page 3, Table 4, Other MDE NPDES Regulated Stormwater, the following permits need to be removed from the table: the Maryland State Highway Administration Phase I MS4 (NPDES permit #: MD0068276), The Baltimore City Phase I MS4 (NPDES permit #: MD0068292), and the Baltimore County Phase I MS4 (NPDES permit #: MD0068314).

Page 5, The paragraph beginning with "There are no specific..." should begin with "In Maryland, there are no specific..."

Page 7, The paragraph headed "Wasteload Allocation", "... individual industrial, ..." should be removed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence. This same mistake was also made in Section 2.2.2 of the actual TMDL report. MDE has revised the report accordingly. Also, in this same paragraph, after the sentence, "Permit information is shown in the Technical Memorandum *Significant Sediment Point Sources in the Gwynns Falls Watershed* and Appendix B of MDE's TMDL report", the following sentence should be inserted, "The permits can be grouped into two categories, process water and stormwater".

