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**Comment Response Document
Regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load of Sediment in the Non-Tidal Patuxent River
Middle Watershed, Anne Arundel, Calvert, and Prince George’s Counties, Maryland**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public comment period of the proposed Sediment TMDL for the Non-Tidal Patuxent River Middle Watershed. The comment period was from March 14, 2018 to April 12, 2018. MDE received one set of written comments.

Below is a list of the commenters, their affiliations, the date comments were submitted, and the number referenced to the comments. In the pages that follow, comments are summarized along with MDE’s responses.

List of Commenters

Author	Affiliation	Date	Comment Number
Ms. Jillian Adair	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3	March 26, 2018	1-3

Comments and Responses

1. The commenter states the TMDL report and Point Source Technical Memo reference two industrial and three municipal wastewater permittees, but six are listed in the wastewater wasteload allocation (WLA) table. Please correct.

Response: The text has been corrected to state “two industrial and four municipal wastewater facilities”.

2. The commenter references Appendix B, page B6 stating a daily time series of 20 tons/day, a TMDL reduction of 65%, and a total watershed maximum daily load (MDL) of 12.5 tons/day is described in the paragraph text. Please correct.

Response: This correction has been made.

3. The commenter references page 28, first paragraph quoting “There are also four general mining permits.” The commenter asks do these permits have explicit TSS limits and/or contribute to the watershed sediment load? If so, are they included in the WLA, whether as wastewater or stormwater discharges? Please explain.

Response: This language was removed from the wastewater section because these permits do not contain explicit TSS limits. The permits are included in the stormwater WLA as Other NPDES Regulated Stormwater and are listed in Table 2 of the point source technical memorandum.