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Mr. Dinorah Dalmasy, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Dalmasy:

Thank you for your August 6, 2018 submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III (EPA) concerning the revised total maximum daily load (TMDL) of fecal bacteria for the non-tidal Piscataway Creek Basin in Prince George's County, Maryland (TMDL originally approved by EPA on September 20, 2007). As the result of the permit renewal for Cheltenham Boys' Village facility, an error was identified in the allocations and an update is being made to the Piscataway Creek fecal bacteria TMDL. A correction is being made to the wasteload allocation (WLA), which necessitates a corresponding decrease in the load allocation (LA). The reallocation does not affect the overall TMDL calculation and it remains unchanged.

The TMDL revisions were available for public comment from May 10, 2018 to June 11, 2018 and EPA provided a set of comments that were adequately addressed. The revision is consistent with EPA regulations. EPA will update its records to reflect the revision, and EPA recommends that MDE update its Continuous Planning Process (CPP) to likewise reflect the revision. Please note that the revision now represents the "approved" wasteload allocations for the sources in the TMDL for purposes of 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(d)(1)(vii)(B). If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Additionally, your staff may contact Irene Shandruk at shandruk.irene@epa.gov or 215-814-2166.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn S. MacKnight".

Evelyn S. MacKnight, Associate Director
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cc: Melissa Chatham, MDE-WSA

