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**Comment Response Document
Regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load of Sediment in the Non-Tidal Port Tobacco
River Watershed, Charles County, Maryland**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public comment period of the proposed Sediment TMDL for the Non-Tidal Port Tobacco River Watershed. The comment period was from July 12, 2019 to August 12, 2019. 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.

Comments were submitted by Charles County after the end of the public comment period. The comments were addressed separately from this document.

List of Commenters

Author	Affiliation	Date	Comment Number
Ms. Jillian Adair	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3	July 29, 2019	1-7

Comments and Responses

1. The commenter references page 12, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence: MDE may consider revising “general NPDES stormwater permits” to indicate that the phrase refers to industrial facilities permitted for stormwater discharges.

Response: The text has been corrected.

2. The commenter references page 20: MDE may consider adding reference to EPA’s Framework for Developing Suspended and Bedded Sediments (SABS) Water Quality Criteria, as it is referenced in MDE’s other non-tidal sediment TMDLs.

Response: The text has been added.

3. The commentor states please add SHA permit information in the reasonable assurance paragraphs that reference Charles County’s permit

Response: The text has been added.

4. The commentor states please add information regarding La Plata’s Phase II MS4 permit in the reasonable assurance section.

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Response: The text has been added.

5. The commentor states please note whether the TMDL watershed is located within the eastern or western coastal plains, as the associated reference watersheds differ between the two.

Response: The text has been added.

6. The commentor references page 2, last sentence of the Point Source Technical Memorandum, stating Table 3 provides the distribution of the NPDES regulated stormwater WLAs, but the sentence references table 2. Please correct.

Response: The text has been corrected.

7. The commentor references Table 3 of the Point Source Technical Memorandum stating the percent reduction of the “Other NPDES Regulated Stormwater” adds to 1, not 0. Please correct or clarify.

Response: The text has been corrected.