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**Comment Response Document
Regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load of Sediment in the Non-Tidal West River
Watershed, Anne Arundel County, Maryland**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public comment period of the proposed Sediment TMDL for the Non-Tidal West River Watershed. The comment period was from November 9, 2018 to December 10, 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	Nov. 8, 2018	1-2

Comments and Responses

1. The commenter references page 13 quoting the TMDL report stating the Page 13: “The largest portion of the sediment load is from regulated cropland.” Is the term “regulated” intentionally included or a typo? Please correct or clarify.

Response: The sentence has been changed to state “The largest portion of the sediment load is from cropland.”

2. The commenter references page 25 and Page 1 of the Nonpoint Source Technical Memorandum quoting “All other land uses individually contributed less than 1% of the total load and were not reduced, as they would produce no discernible reductions.” Although the meaning of this phrase is understood in that discernible reductions may not be gained by reducing this source, pasture represents 1.7% of total baseline sediment loads.

Response: The text has been modified to state “All other land uses individually contributed less than 2% of the total load and were not reduced, as they would produce no discernible reductions.