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Dear Ms. Bonnaffon:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (Department) has reviewed the documents developed by a group of permittees named below, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, to meet the requirements of PART IV.D.4.a of their respective Phase I National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permits. The permits require the development and implementation of a good housekeeping plan (GHP) for applicable permittee-owned properties. This letter confirms that the template documents submitted by the group (namely, the Site Evaluation Checklist, Good Housekeeping Plan Template and appendices, and Good Housekeeping Plan Applicability Certification and its accompanying Guidance Manual) are acceptable to apply to local property management activities to meet the requirement. As a reminder, each permittee must submit the template in its final format as well as example GHPs. This information is due in the third-year annual report and must be implemented thereafter.

This letter applies to the following permittees:

Anne Arundel County (Discharge Permit No. 20-DP-3316, NPDES Permit No. MD0068306)
Baltimore County (Discharge Permit No. 20-DP-3317, NPDES Permit No. MD0068314)
Charles County (Discharge Permit No. 22-DP-3322, NPDES No. MD0068365)
Frederick County (Discharge Permit No. 22-DP-3321, NPDES No. MD0068357)
Harford County (Discharge Permit No. 22-DP-3310, NPDES No. MD0068268)
Montgomery County (Discharge Permit No. 20-DP-3320, NPDES Permit No. MD0068349)
Prince George's County (Discharge Permit No. 20-DP-3314, NPDES No. MD0068284)

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The Department recognizes the effort required to implement a successful stormwater management program, which is essential in our mutual goal of restoring urban streams and Chesapeake Bay. The permittees named herein are commended for their commitment toward this objective. If you have questions, please contact me at 410-537-3550 or you may contact Michelle Crawford at 410-537-3547 or Michelle.Crawford1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "STEWART Comstock". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stewart Comstock, P.E. Chief

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