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Eva Kerchner, Assistant Director
Department of Inspections and Permits
Anne Arundel County
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Kerchner:

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration (Department) has completed a review of Anne Arundel County's (County) application for continued delegation of erosion and sediment control enforcement authority in accordance with State law and regulation. As part of this evaluation, the Department conducted field inspections and a review of the County's erosion and sediment control ordinance and enforcement procedures to determine whether its program is in accordance with State law and regulations. I would like to thank you and your staff for your assistance during the review process.

On October 21, 2020, Department staff accompanied County personnel and the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District (SCD) to inspect six active construction sites totaling 72 acres of earth disturbance. Results of this field audit, attached for your use, found the majority of sites to be in good condition and routine enforcement by the County inspection staff generally effective in gaining compliance. The Department, however, found major modifications of plans without SCD approval, and locations of stormwater management facilities not effectively protected during construction. On January 14, 2021, Department staff met with the County and SCD to discuss these issues. The County communicated to the Department that it will take steps to improve its program.

Based on the findings of this evaluation and the understanding that the County will address these issues, the Department is granting Anne Arundel County's request for continued delegation of erosion and sediment control enforcement authority, effective through June 30, 2023. The Department also determined the County's program is in compliance with the erosion and sediment control program requirements of its municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit (11-DP-3316, MD0068306).

Effective erosion and sediment control is fundamental in our effort to protect local streams and restore the Chesapeake Bay, and I thank you and your staff for your continued efforts. If you

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have any questions, please call me at (410) 537-3561, or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Stewart Comstock, Sediment and Stormwater Program Review Division at (410) 537-3550 or Stewart.Comstock@Maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Raymond P Bahr / for

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Attachment

cc: John Czajkowski, Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District