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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL APPLICATION FOR WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

DATE: May 12, 2017

Pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.08.02, Regulation .10 Water Quality Certification, the Maryland Department of the Environment ("the Department") is required to give public notice of this application. Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act requires the State of Maryland to issue a Water Quality Certification for any federally proposed/permitted project which will result in a discharge to jurisdictional wetlands or waters of the State. The purpose of the Water Quality Certification is to advise the federal agency as to whether the proposed activity will or will not comply with Maryland's water quality standards. The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below.

Applicant: Operations Division

Philadelphia District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East

Philadelphia, PA 19107-3391

Application # 17-WQC-01 Chesapeake Bay, Use I & II Waters

The applicant requests a Water Quality Certification for the proposed maintenance dredging of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal from the Maryland/Delaware State Line to Chesapeake City, including the Chesapeake City Basin. Approximately 65,000 cubic yards of material will be removed and placed in the Bethel or Chesapeake City upland dredged material containment facility.

Any person or party interested in commenting on the probable water quality impacts of this project is requested to submit written comments to Elder Ghigiarelli, Jr., Deputy Program Administrator, Wetlands and Waterways Program, Water Management Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, MD 21230, or email comments to elder.ghigiarelli@maryland.gov. Comments must be received by May 29, 2017.