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The Honorable Shari T. Wilson
Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Blvd.
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Dear Secretary Wilson:

I read with great concern about the Maryland Department of the Environment's decision to allow ExxonMobil to discontinue two elements of its remediation efforts in northern Baltimore County to address the gasoline leak that occurred in January 2006 at the Exxon station on Jarrettsville Pike.

It is imperative that public confidence is maintained and that regulatory decisions are effectively communicated and understood. Given the many challenges in monitoring ground water purity over a large area, the uncertainties surrounding the detrimental effects of even minute levels of the carcinogen MTBE and the continued public concern, I urge you to expeditiously and carefully revisit this matter.

It is critically important that we maintain confidence in public health and to do so we must be able to assure residents with complete certainty that their drinking water is safe. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley".

Governor