



PUBLIC NOTICE

Extensions to Water and Sewerage Plans and Amendments **Review Timeframe During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

This notice is given by Ben Grumbles, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the “Governor”) dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 12, 2020 entitled “Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements,” as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety.

The timeframes identified for extensions consistent with the foregoing include:

- Environment Article § 9-507, *Annotated Code of Maryland* requires that MDE approve, disapprove, or partially approve and partially disprove each water and sewer plan, revision, or amendment within 60 days, unless MDE extends this deadline for 45 days for good cause.

During this state of emergency, it is necessary to temporarily suspend this mandatory response timeframe. MDE hereby extends the deadline until 30 days after the end of the state of emergency. However, MDE will strive to continue meeting the 60-day timeframe to the extent possible. Any effect of § 9-507 of the Environment Article inconsistent with the foregoing is hereby suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until [30 days after] the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Ben Grumbles
Secretary