

**Comment Response Document**  
**Regarding the 2018 Revision to the Total Maximum Daily Load of Nitrogen and Phosphorus Point Source Technical Memorandum for the Middle and Upper Chester River, Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties, Maryland**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public review of the proposed revisions to the Nitrogen and Phosphorus TMDL for the Middle Chester River Watershed. The public comment period was open from August 30, 2018 through October 1, 2018. MDE received one set of written comments.

Below is a list of the commenters, their affiliations, the date comments were submitted, and the number referenced to the comments. In the pages that follow, comments are summarized along with MDE’s responses.

**List of Commenters**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment Number</b>
Ms. Jillian Adair/ Ms. Irene Shandruk	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3	Sept. 7, 2018	1

**Comments and Responses**

1. The commentator references page 3, Table 2(b), stating EPA originally approved this TMDL in November 2006 and the tech memo Table 2(b) lists the total nutrient loads as follows:

Nutrient Loads (lbs/year)	
TN	TP
47,566	6,189

MDE’s public noticed 2018 revision to the tech memo lists the total nutrient loads as follows:

Nutrient Loads (lbs/year)	
TN	TP
47,567	6,188

Are the one-pound differences in TN and TP in the 2018 revision due to rounding? Please clarify or correct.

**Response:** In the main TMDL report, the total phosphorus Wasteload allocation was presented as 6,188 lbs/year. Previous versions of the point source technical memorandums did not match the main report. This has been corrected in the 2018 revision.