

March 28, 2016

Maryland Department of the Environment 1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore MD 21230 Attention: Ms. Jeannette DeBartolomeo, Case Manager

> RE: Response to MDE Pilot Test Approval Letter Calvert Citgo (Former Alger Country Store) 2802 Northeast Road (Harrison Residence) 2794 Northeast Road (O'Brien Residence) North East, Maryland 21901 Facility No. 5678 <u>REPSG Project Reference No. 005977.130.01</u>

Dear Ms. DeBartolomeo,

Country Stores and the Patel's are in receipt of the MDE's Pilot Test Approval Letter dated February 26, 2016. While Country Stores and the Patel's intend to comply with the approval letter, certain timing and logistical issues are present that will challenge our ability to meet the expressed performance goals.

In order to facilitate compliant installation of the approved CAP, any number of project considerations will need to be fulfilled, including, among others; securing numerous permits, such as a National Pollutant Discharge System (NPDES), an Air Quality General Permit for Construction for soil vapor extraction systems, and all additional necessary discharge permits. In addition, time is required to arrange all site access agreements, scheduling, coordination, and the eventual fabrication of all the remedial system components, now approved for installation.

On behalf of Country Stores and the Patel's, REPSG herein proposes to initially conduct an interim, smaller scale implementation of the CAP, helping to keep the advancement of the project moving forward. This initial installation of an interim system will assure that project goals are being advanced, and keep focus on what is most important, which is providing clean water to the residential homes. This will also assure that the clean-up strategy at the service station will be the most effective, long term, and will optimize remedial design, making any adjustments, based on real time

data. This will also insure that the available project funds aren't exhausted on an ineffective method.

Concurrent with the Ozone testing, REPSG will be submitting for the applicable permits, as well as other, project specific items. As approved, REPSG will keep the MDE apprised of the progress of any and all small-scale system results as well as permitting application status via monthly status reports.

A follow up letter with initial schedules is forthcoming.

In order for REPSG to make most efficient use of time in progressing forward with the small-scale system implementation, REPSG requests a response to this formal request within two weeks' time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at 215-729-3220.

Sincerely,

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