

Town of Chestertown



115 N. Cross Street, Chestertown, MD 21620
tel: 410-775-0500 fax: 410-775-4375
email: office@chestertown.com
url: www.chestertown.com

Mayor
Chris Cerino
Council
Elizabeth Gross
Linda C. Kuiper
Samuel F. Shog
Mauritz Stetson
Town Manager
William S. Ingersoll

May 4, 2015

Christopher Ralston
Program Administrator
Oil Control Program
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

RE: Chestertown Concerns about the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown's Ivey-sol® Implementation Plan; MDE Oil Control Program Case No. 1987-2534-KE

Dear Mr. Ralston

The Town of Chestertown ("the Town") sincerely appreciated the Maryland Department of the Environment's ("MDE's") comments regarding the Ivy-sol® Pilot Test Evaluation report and Proposed Action Plan (dated March 27, 2015). As was evident by the Town's comments submitted on March 4, 2015, many of the issues discussed by MDE in its March 27th letter to University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown were also expressed by the Town in its March 4th letter. The Town also appreciated MDE's review of the Pilot Test Evaluation report, with particular regard to MDE's decisions to require ongoing pump and treat for the proposed 2015 Action Plan. Pump and treat is vital to ensure the protection of the Town's water production wells.

The Town would like to include several other important concerns/issues that need to be addressed by the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown. The Town has expressed numerous times the value of a site characterization plan/model and the opportunity to review the plan and model(s) and how they interface with the full scale implementation of this new remediation technology. Such a review is of the utmost importance in serving the public's interest, given this project's proximity to all of the Town's water production wells.

It is foreboding to note that the most recent Quarterly Site Monitoring results show a linear migration of fuel byproducts (namely ethyl benzene, xylene and BTEX) below and beyond Brown Street in a direction and at a speed that threatens the Town's water production wells. The Town would appreciate MDE's Source Protection and Appropriation Division's immediate review of the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown's groundwater data with respect to this phenomenon and to oversee the Ivy-sol® remedial plan and proposed action.