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VIA E-MAIL and FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Maryland Department of the Environment
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Baltimore, MD 21230

Re: Chester River Hospital Center
MDE Case No., 1987-2534-KE

Dear Chris and Drew:

Attached is a letter from H&B Solutions, LLC requesting approval of a pilot study to determine whether it is now appropriate to permanently close the pump and treat system along with a request to initiate the post-remedial monitoring protocol. The hospital informed the Mayor that we would be submitting this plan. The Mayor raised no objection to the submittal but, if MDE approves the plan, the Mayor would like us to brief the entire Council before implementation begins. There are some new council members who will want to be briefed on the history of the remediation for context.

As you know, the remediation effort has been ongoing since June 15, 1990 – nearly 30 years ago. The remediation system itself was installed in May of 1991. Various upgrades and supplementary activities have been undertaken in the intervening years and a significant amount of product has been recovered. All of this has cost the University of Maryland hospital system millions of dollars.

As detailed in the attached request, we believe that the pump and treat system has now extracted as much product as can be recovered and that any remaining residual presents no threat to human health or the environment. However, we are not requesting that the entire site be immediately closed but, instead, that we suspend the use of the pump and treat system and initiate the post-remedial monitoring protocol and time period. If we experience any rebound, the equipment will still be in place and can be restarted as necessary.