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March 30, 2010

Mr. John W. Grace, Chief Maryland Department of the Environment Source Protection and Appropriation Division Water Supply Program 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 450 Baltimore, Maryland 21230

RE: Request for Renewal of Water Appropriations and Use Permits BA2006G003(02) and BA2006103(01) Inactive Exxon Facility #28077 14258 Jarrettsville Pike Phoenix, Baltimore County, Maryland

Dear Mr. Grace:

Kleinfelder East Inc. (Kleinfelder), on behalf of ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company (ExxonMobil), requests renewal of Water Appropriations and Use Permits (WAP) BA2006G003(02) – Green Branch Basin and BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin. The request is for the permits to be supplemental with a combined allocation of 86,400 gpd on a yearly basis. This permit request is in accordance with the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Permit Guide section 3.15 entitled "Water Appropriation and Use Permit" (Attachment A).

Remediation activities, which include groundwater recovery, are being completed at this site under a Consent Decree between the State of Maryland and Exxon Mobil Corporation dated September 11, 2008, and in accordance with the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) dated January 2, 2009, which was approved by the MDE Oil Control Program on June 10, 2009. Per the CAP, groundwater recovery is being conducted at the above-referenced site (**Figure 1**) to maintain hydraulic capture and recover dissolved phase hydrocarbon constituents. To meet these goals, groundwater recovery wells withdraw water from Green Branch Basin and Sawmill Branch Basin (**Figure 2**). Currently, WAP BA2006G003(02) – Green Branch Basin allows for a yearly average withdraw of 23,200 gpd and a month of maximum use of 33,600 gpd from up to 60 recovery wells. WAP BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin allows for a yearly average of 34,800 gpd and a month of maximum use of 50,500 gpd for the month of maximum use from up to 40 recovery wells.

Until recently, the remediation efforts have been operating in a "dry year" condition as evaluated and described in Kleinfelder's October 2006 *Request for Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State*¹. However, recent increases in precipitation and corresponding increases in regional groundwater elevation have created a "wet year" condition (also

¹ Kleinfelder, October 2006. Request for Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State. Exxon RAS #2-8077, 14258 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, Maryland.

evaluated and described in Kleinfelder's October 2006 permit request). The "wet year" condition has led to higher withdraw flow rates. The January and February 2010 flow rates were both above the average yearly gpd allocation, approximately 73,550 gpd (33,160 gpd for Green Branch Basin and 40,390 gpd for Sawmill Branch Basin) and 62,850 gpd (29,060 gpd for Green Branch Basin and 33,790 gpd for Sawmill Branch Basin) respectively. Similarly, the March 2010 groundwater withdraw flow rates recorded thus far average to 63,940 gpd (31,660 gpd for Green Branch Basin and 32,280 gpd for Sawmill Branch Basin).

In Kleinfelder's October 2006 *Request for Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State*, the estimated average groundwater recovery rate for the "wet year" condition was 86,400 gpd. This value was based on actual groundwater recovery rates corresponding to precipitation in excess of usual quantities.

From November 2006 through November 2009, below normal precipitation in the area of the site was recorded (**Attachment B**). Beginning in December 2009, above normal precipitation has been observed. Similarly, from June 2007 through August 2009 below normal regional groundwater elevation was recorded (**Attachment C**). In September and October 2009 regional groundwater elevations were measured to be within the normal range; and more recently, beginning in November 2009, above normal regional groundwater elevation has been observed. As a result of the increase in precipitation and regional groundwater is being drawn into the pumps to meet the remediation system objectives defined in the CAP. **Attachment D** presents the monthly groundwater withdrawal rates through February 2010.

Therefore, due to the recent increase in precipitation, higher than normal regional groundwater elevations, and corresponding increased groundwater recovery rates, the requested combined allocation for renewal of WAP BA2006G003(02) – Green Branch Basin and WAP BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin is 86,400 gpd. Both permits are currently supplemental to each other and are requested to remain supplemental upon renewal. Approximately 53% (45,792 gpd) of this flow corresponds to recovery under WAP BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin. Approximately 47% (40,608 gpd) of this flow corresponds to recovery under WAP BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin. Approximately 47% (40,608 gpd) of this flow corresponds to recovery under WAP BA2006G003(02) – Green Branch Basin. The expected peak flow rate for a "wet year" condition, as addressed in Kleinfelder's October 2006 *Request for Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State,* is 124,000 gpd during the month of maximum use: 65,720 gpd for WAP BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin.

Kleinfelder, on behalf of ExxonMobil, also requests that Condition 19 of WAP BA2006G003(02) – Green Branch Basin, addressing 14240 Jarrettsville Pike (Jacksonville Animal Hospital) and 3300 Whitesworth Road (Heggie Property) be removed from the permit upon renewal. As stated in Kleinfelder's July 18, 2008 *Water Supply Investigation Results for 14240 Jarrettsville Pike*², the investigations at 14240 Jarrettsville Pike do not support the conclusion that the nearby groundwater remediation activities have caused diminished yield from the private supply well at 14240 Jarrettsville Pike. Furthermore, the water supply issue at 14240 Jarrettsville Pike was resolved in June 2009 by increasing the storage tank capacity (see Kleinfelder's June 16, 2009 *Water Storage Capacity Upgrade for 14240 Jarrettsville Pike*³). As addressed in Kleinfelder's March 26, 2010 *Heggie Property - 4 Pond Investigation*

² Kleinfelder, July 18, 2008. Water Supply Investigation. Jacksonville Veterinary Hospital, 14240 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, Maryland.

³ Kleinfelder, June 16, 2009. Water Storage Capacity Upgrade. Jacksonville Veterinary Hospital, 14240 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, Maryland, Permit BA2006G003(02).

*Monitoring Data Report*⁴, fluctuation in the pond water at 3300 Whitesworth Road is controlled by regional fluctuations in groundwater and is not a result of remediation activities. Additionally, the water levels recorded in the ponds in December 2009 were at above normal conditions, with all four ponds discharging.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely, Kleinfelder East, Inc.

/Jeffery R. Hale, P.G. Principal Hydrogeologist

Mark J. Schaaf, CPG Project Director

ATTACHMENTS

- Figure 1 Site Location Map
- Figure 2 Topographic Map
- Attachment A Application to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State Change in Existing Permits BA2006G003(02) – Green Branch Basin and BA2006103(01) – Sawmill Branch Basin Permits
- Attachment B Monthly Precipitation and Regional Groundwater Elevation Chart
- Attachment C USGS Well BA CE 21 Chart

Attachment D Average Monthly Groundwater Recovery (gpd) Chart

cc: Mr. James F. Medlin - Exxon Mobil Corporation (Kleinfelder File)

Ms. Celeste S. Quiralte, Esquire - Exxon Mobil Corporation

- Mr. Chris Ralston Maryland Department of the Environment
- Ms. Ellen Jackson Maryland Department of the Environment
- Mr. Greg Martin Roux Associates, Inc.

Mr. Carlos Bollar, Esquire - Archer & Greiner, P.C.

- Ms. Sasha McNeeley, Esquire Snyder, Weltchek & Snyder
- Mr. Theodore M. Flerlage, Esquire Law Offices of Peter Angelos

⁴ Kleinfelder, <<insert date when final>>. Heggie Property – 4 Pond Monitoring Investigation Data. 3300 Whitesworth Road, Phoenix, Maryland, Permit BA2006G003(02)

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ATTACHMENT A

MARYLAND	DEPARTMENT	OF THE	ENVIRONMENT

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BA2006G003(02) -Green Branch Basin

Renewal BA2006G003(02) - Green Branch Basin (Supplemental to Sawmill Branch Basin BA2006G103(01)) APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE AND USE WATERS OF THE STATE New Application Change in Existing Permit Application Number							
	Application						
APPLICATION	843-238-0865						
Exxon Mobil Corporation c/o James F. Medlin (Owners Name)	(Daytime Phone Number)						
1413 Highway 17 South, 183 Surfside Beach, South Carolina 29575-6090							
(Mailing Address) (Street)	(City)	(State) (Zip Code)					
WITHDRAWAL of GROUNDWATER Appropriate and use an annual average of	WITHDRAWAL of SURFACE WATER Appropriate and use an annual average of 						
40,608 Gallons per day, and (Total Annual Use / 365)							
(Highest Monthly Use / 30) gallons per day during	ofgallons in any one day, from						
month of maximum use, from <u>60</u> wells, having a	(Name of Stream or Waterway)						
diameter of inches, and a depth of 48 (average) feet	(Exact Location of Intake)						
(Estimate) (Estimate)							
PROJECT LOCATION 14258 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD Tax Map 35, Grid 24, Parcel 185							
(STREET ADDRESS - MAP DIRECTIONS - AD	C PAGE/GRID - TAX MAP PAGE	E/GRID/PARCEL)					
County Baltimore Subdivision or Town Phoenix	Phone	Number 410-850-0404					
Name and Type of Business ExxonMobil Corporation Groundwat	er Remediation Facility						
SUBDIVISIONS MUST INCLUDE PLAT - ALL	PROJECTS MUST INCLUDE	LOCATION MAP					
PURPOSE	WASTEWATER TRE	EATMENT AND DISPOSAL					
The water will be used for:							
 Community Water Supply Non-Potable Supply (sanitary non Drinking Water) 	 Groundwater Subsurface (Tilefield, Seepage Pit etc.) 						
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Cooling Water	Other, Explain						
 Irrigation Process Water 	Surface Water unnamed tributary of Green Branch Basin						
Other, explain Groundwater Remediation	(Name of stream) DISCHARGE PERMIT # 2008-OGR-9826 NPDES# MDG919826						
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ATTACHMENT B

Attachment B Monthly Precipitation and Regional Groundwater Elevation Inactive Exxon Facility #28077 14258 Jarrettsville Pike Phoenix, Maryland



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Attachment C USGS Well BA CE 21 Inactive Exxon Facility #28077 14258 Jarrettsville Pike Phoenix, Maryland





ATTACHMENT D

Attachment D Average Monthly Groundwater Recovery (gpd) BA2006G003 and BA2006G103 Inactive Exxon Facility #28077 14258 Jarrettsville Pike Phoenix, Maryland





