STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: House Bill 489

COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

POSITION: Support

TITLE:

Allegany County – Upper Potomac River Commission - Savage River Dam - Borrowing Authority

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 489 will increase the borrowing authority of Allegany County from the current \$200,000, to borrow any amount necessary to improve Savage River Dam. The county may borrow from MDE or any other state or federal ("governmental agency") funding agency, or it may issue its own bonds.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

MDE supports HB 489. Repairs to the Savage River Dam are required to address the Department's regulatory requirements. This legislation will enable Allegany County to secure the necessary funding for these repairs.

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