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## RE: RESPONSE TO REBOUND TEST WORK PLAN Case No. 2006-0303-BA Former Exxon R/S No. 2-8077 14258 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix Baltimore County, Maryland

Dear Mr. Falik:

The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Oil Control Program (OCP) completed a review of the *Remediation Progress Report and Rebound Test Work Plan*, dated February 8, 2021. The *Work Plan* proposes to deactivate the remaining 20 groundwater remediation wells (19 groundwater pump and treat recovery wells and 1 air sparge well) within the Jacksonville study area. Five of the proposed recovery wells and the air sparge well have concentrations that meet the criteria established in Flowchart 1 of the Consent Decree. The remaining locations did not meet these conditions at the time of the proposal and, in some instances, the recovery wells continued to demonstrate contaminant concentrations over the last 12 months that were an order of magnitude greater than the applicable groundwater standard (e.g., MW-73C, MW-138D, MW-187A, and MW-187C).

The MDE approves ExxonMobil's proposal to discontinue recovery and air sparging activities at the following wells and convert them to monitoring wells: MW-16, MW-27, MW-54B, MW-82D, MW-181A, and MW-91C. However, because the original proposal provided a monitoring plan based on monitoring shutdown of all recovery wells, MDE requests a revised monitoring proposal be provided for review and approval that is tailored to the conversion of the six approved wells.

While MDE agrees to these modifications to groundwater recovery activities pursuant to the Consent Decree and its negotiated requirements with respect to this case involving Former Exxon R/S No. 2-8077, the State of Maryland, including all its departments, reserves all rights against ExxonMobil Corporation with respect to all other past, present, and future cases. The MDE reserves the right to require additional groundwater recovery and/or sampling based on new information, changing site conditions, or as a final sampling event prior to issuing case closure.

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If you have any questions, please contact the case manager, Ms. Ellen Jackson at 410-537-3482 (ellen.jackson@maryland.gov) or me at 410-537-3442 or andrew.miller@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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