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Mr. Matthew Rowe, Assistant Director  
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Dear Mr. Rowe:

Thank you for sending the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III (EPA) the revised point source technical memorandum for the nutrient and sediment total maximum daily loads (TMDL) for Liberty Reservoir (TMDL approved by EPA on May 7, 2014) and the revised text updating permit information for the bacteria TMDL for Liberty Reservoir (TMDL approved by EPA on December 3, 2009). These revisions are a result of the joint application of BTR Hampstead, LLC and Carroll County Bureau of Utilities to be co-permittees for renewal of a permit (MD0001881) to discharge treated sanitary wastewater, noncontact cooling water, wastewater from remediation of contaminated groundwater, and variable amounts of stormwater from an industrial park to Deep Run (a Use 1-P tributary to North Branch Patapsco River) through Outfall 001.

The revisions do not result in any changes to the total load or the total wasteload allocation (WLA) for either TMDL. The revisions to the technical memorandum for the nutrient and sediment TMDLs subtract the load from the BTR Hampstead LLC from the aggregate WLA and instead assign the load from that permit an individual WLA. In addition, the text of the technical memorandum for the nutrient and sediment TMDLs and the text of the bacteria TMDL report were revised to include the updated relevant permit information.

The original technical memorandum for the nutrient and sediment TMDLs and EPA's decision rationale anticipate that MDE may revise the wasteload allocations where appropriate. The revisions and the renewed permit were available for public comment and no comments were received related to the TMDLs. The revisions are consistent with EPA regulations. EPA will update its records to reflect the revisions. EPA recommends that MDE update its Continuous Planning Process (CPP) to reflect the revisions. Please note that the revisions now represent the "approved" wasteload allocations for the sources in the TMDLs for purposes of 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(d)(1)(vii)(B).



If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Additionally, your staff may contact Jillian Adair at 215-814-5713.

Sincerely,

 Signed



Evelyn MacKnight, Associate Director  
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Enclosure

cc: Melissa Chatham, MDE-WSA

