

STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF DECISION



In the Matter of: Philadelphia District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Maintenance Dredging of the C&D Canal
Water Quality Certification
Application Number: 14-WQC-02

Hearing Date: September 27, 2014

Hearing Location: Cecilton Elementary School
251 West Main Street
Cecilton, Cecil County, Maryland 21913

Decision: Approval

The review of the application for a Water Quality Certification in the above-referenced matter has been governed by criteria set forth under Title 9, Subtitle 3, Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and Maryland water quality standards pursuant to COMAR Title 26, Subtitle 08, Chapter 02, Water Quality.

After examination of all documents and evidence in the above-referenced matter, I have determined that:

1. There is a demonstrated purpose and need for the project;
2. There is no practicable alternative for the proposed action/activities;
3. Potential impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and waterways have been avoided and minimized to the extent practicable;
4. The project is consistent with State water quality requirements; and
5. Public notice and public informational hearing requirements have been satisfied.

Water Quality Certification application # 14-WQC-02 meets the criteria set forth in statute and regulation governing impacts to regulated resources and water quality. Water Quality Certification # 14-WQC-02 is hereby issued by the Water Management Administration to authorize the Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers to maintenance dredge the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and its approach channel and place the dredged material at the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility.

A brief explanation of the rationale for this decision is contained in the attached Summary of the Basis for Decision.



Elder A. Ghigiali, Jr.
Deputy Program Administrator
Wetlands and Waterways Program

December 19, 2014

Date