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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Md 21401

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Md 21401

Re: MSAR 13274, Chapter 622; 2021: Private Well and Safety Act Report

Dear Chair Feldman and Chair Korman:

The Department is submitting this correspondence in response to House Bill (HB) 1069 of the 2021 Legislative Session - Water Supply - Private Well Safety Program. In accordance with Environment Article 9-4A-01, an owner of a residential rental property that is served by a private well, must provide water quality testing every 3 years and disclose to the tenant the results of that testing. The owner must also notify the Department and the local health department when the test results exceed a maximum contaminant level for drinking water quality. The Department is required to submit a report to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs committee and the House Environment and Transportation committee of any reports of contamination received from the owners of a residential rental property. As of September 1, 2023, the Department has not received any reports indicating contamination of any private water supply wells that serve a rental residential property.

The Department is working on developing regulations that address additional water quality testing for private water supply wells that would include the requirements of HB 1069 of 2021 and HB 11 of 2023. In addition, the Department is conducting the study for long-term funding options for the detailed monitoring and analysis of groundwater resources as per the requirements of House Bill 11 of 2023, which is due to the legislature by December 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Gabrielle Leach, Senior Government Relations Officer, at gabrielle.leach@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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