MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1800 Washington Boulevard • Baltimore MD 21230
410-537-3000 • 1-800-633-6101 • www.mde.maryland.gov

Larry Hogan
Governor

Boyd Rutherford
Lieutenant Governor

Ben Grumbles
Secretary

November 30, 2015

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Conway and Delegate Barve:

House Bill 11 (Chapter 80) of 2014 requires that beginning December 1, 2015, the Department of the Environment shall submit a report each year, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, on:

(1) each project funded under § 9–1605.2(h)(5)(iv)2 of the Environment Article (i.e., Bay Restoration Fund (BRF) septic system funding used for the connection of on-site sewage disposal systems located outside of the local priority funding areas to a municipal wastewater facility); and

(2) a summary of any impacts that the funding used for these projects had on overall funding for upgrading individual on–site sewage disposal systems with best available technology for nitrogen removal.

During Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) no funding from the BRF septic system fund was used toward the connection of on-site sewage disposal systems located outside of the local priority funding areas to a municipal wastewater facility. As a result, during FY15 there was no impact from these types of projects on overall funding for upgrading individual on-site sewage disposal systems with best available technology for nitrogen removal.

If you need additional information, please contact Jeffrey Fretwell at 410-537-3537 or by email at jeffrey.fretwell@ maryland.gov.

Sincerely

Ben Grumbles
Secretary