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Hay all:
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Hey Rich - you bet.
Approx. 2 weeks ago, I had informed Mark that we were shooting for a late December "Notice of Proposed Action".
We had a delay with the absence of our Assistant AG who usually reviews WQS amendments. Now, I have AG approval and I am waiting for Secretary Summer's signature to proceed. So it looks like we're pushed back a couple of weeks.

Barring any further hold-ups, here's the schedule:
January 13, 2012 - Proposal in MD Register
February 13, 2012 - Comment period ends
February 28, 2012 - Adopt (this is the absolute soonest we could adopt)

Sorry I haven't been in touch with the rest of you sooner, but I have been waiting for signatures.

John

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John-
Can you please update your EPA colleagues on the current status and overall schedule for amending Maryland's WQS regs to include the Eastern

Bay restoration variance and update the lower Chester River restoration variance.

Thanks, Rich

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