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Subject:	RE: Fw: Status of MD WQS Amendment Action
Date:	11/16/2011 05:46 PM

All:
I am available to call in on Monday at 3:30. You can call me at 410 260-8627.
Bruce

From: Merrill.Larry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Merrill.Larry@epamail.epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: Fw: Status of MD WQS Amendment Action

Great. For now, I will leave it as dialing folks in and will adjust as necessary.

Larry

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Subject:	Re: Fw: Status of MD WQS Amendment Action

Looks like that will work. And Rich and I will be on one line.

Thanks, John

>>> <Merrill.Larry@epamail.epa.gov> 11/16/2011 2:41 PM >>>
John - thanks for the prompt reply. Does Monday 11/21 3:00 to 3:30pm work? Would you and Rich be at a single number or do we need a conference line? I can dial in Rich Batiuk from here and then conference you in. If Bruce would want to join, a conference line might be needed.

Let me know.

Thanks.

Larry

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Hey Larry,
Monday morning is wide open for Rich and I.
How's 9am? or after 3pm?
If those times don't work, let me know what might. BTW - Tuesday looks pretty limited and our offices are closed W,Th, & F.

Thanks, John

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>>> <Merrill.Larry@epamail.epa.gov> 11/16/2011 1:47 PM >>>
John - sorry; a resend - email address error.

Larry
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John - thanks for your response to Rich Batiuk and we welcome the continued progress on this.

We have been working with Rich and others as this has developed and in anticipation of the need for another quick response next year once adopted, I would be interested in a quick coordination call with you and others as appropriate, Rich, and the WQS team here in Philadelphia.

Would it be possible to have a call of this type early next week?

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Status of MD WQS Amendment Action

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

>>> <Batiuk.Richard@epamail.epa.gov> 11/16/2011 1:01 PM >>>

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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