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John:
All right, this is great. Yet is does seems like a lot of work for just two changes to your standards. Ah, but what can we do. It's the Chesapeake Bay!!! On our side we will be trying to figure out the best way avoid getting a BO from NMFS. We (EPA and NMFS) just recently agreed to a BO for the CB TMDL so we may be able use that as a surrogate for this. But then again, the recent Atlantic Sturgeon endangered listing may make things interesting. Hope to hear from you on next week's RIII States nutrient WQS coordinators call. I am off tomorrow so have a good weekend.

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▼ "John Backus" ---03/08/2012 10:36:22 AM---Good Morning, On March 7, 2012, the Bob Summers, Secretary of the Environment, adopted amendments to

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Good Morning,
On March 7, 2012, the Bob Summers, Secretary of the Environment, adopted amendments to Regulations .03-3 under COMAR 26.08.02 (Restoration Variance amendments). This was proposed for adoption in the MD Register January 13, 2012, and has been adopted as proposed. I have submitted the final action forms to the Division of State Documents for publication in the March 23 edition of the MD Register. The effective date for the amendments will be April 2 (10 days after publication)

I will be sending a package for EPA's approval in the next few days.

Thanks, John

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