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Cc: Bruce Michael; Mark Barath; Rich Eskin
Subject: Re: Status of MD WQS Amendment Action
Date: 11/17/2011 07:24 AM

After our email exchange yesterday, I was handed the final approval with Bob's signature.So, I am going submit today in hopes we can get all of the reviews completed and the proposal published before the legislative session begins in Jan. We should be good to go...but you never know!

Talk to you guys Monday @ 3.

And thanks for your help
-John

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>>> <Batiuk.Richard@epamail.epa.gov> 11/17/2011 7:16 AM >>>
John-
Thanks for the update--great to hear you got AG approval. The updated schedule is still great on the timing side. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to ensure a smooth review and final approval. Thanks for your and Bruce's team's work on making this happen.

Thanks, Rich

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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

>>> <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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