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Dear Mr. Capacasa: *Jon*

Attached you will find a discussion paper in response to EPA's request for a sector load management demonstration. This document has been drafted in response to EPA's draft technical memorandum dated December 21, 2012, several follow-up discussions and, a teleconference on January 30, 2013.

Pennsylvania is and remains committed to doing its fair share to help with the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. The Commonwealth is implementing EPA approved Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) that provide extensive details on how Pennsylvania will help achieve the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Although Pennsylvania believes that both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 WIPs, combined with other requirements set in place by EPA (such as two-year milestones) speak to sector growth are sufficient to achieve the goals of the TMDL, this paper will provide additional information regarding sectors and growth.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay. If you have questions about this submittal, please don't hesitate to contact Andrew Zemba by e-mail at azemba@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.772.4785.

Sincerely,

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