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Ms. Lenka Berlin  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

VIA: 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS MAIL & EMAIL ([berlin.lenka@epa.gov](mailto:berlin.lenka@epa.gov))

RE: Wissahickon Creek Proposed TMDL Comment Period Extension Request

Dear Ms. Berlin:

Representatives from Lower Gwynedd Township attended the June 10 meeting called by US EPA to advise municipalities of a new draft TMDL for phosphorous on the Wissahickon Creek.

Lower Gwynedd understands that under the Draft Wissahickon Creek TMDL as published, that comments from interested parties are due by July 6, 2015. At the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, municipalities and interested parties stated that more time was needed to respond with comments and that an extension was in order. In addition, at that meeting Evelyn McKnight indicated that EPA would likely consider an extension on this comment period.

During the meeting, the attendees requested a number of important documents and/or data from EPA that would be helpful and required in preparing our comments. Ms. McKnight indicated that these items were available. These items were as follows:

1. A copy of all Models utilized by EPA's consultant Tetra Tech.
2. A copy of all data that was used in the Models to produce the results of the Model.
3. A list of any locations where a 0.04 ml limit for phosphorus discharge was consistently reached by either point or nonpoint sources.
4. In reference to Item No. 3 above, we also asked for examples of where 0.04 ml was reached and where the desired stream or creek improvements were also achieved.



In response to these requests, Ms. McKnight indicated that she would provide this information. On behalf of Lower Gwynedd Township, I am hereby requesting that an extension of ninety (90) days be given to provide comments regarding the TMDL, beginning on the date that EPA provides all the above requested documents and data.

The US EPA's expeditious response to this request is absolutely necessary in order for Lower Gwynedd Township and other affected municipalities to make informed comments on the draft regulations. We will greatly appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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Township Manager

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	Ambler Borough	Upper Moreland Township
	Cheltenham Township	Whitemarsh Township
	Horsham Borough	Whitpain Township
	Lansdale Borough	Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority
	Montgomery Township	Ashley Toy & Evelyn McKnight (US EPA)
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