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The Honorable Ben Grumbles, Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment
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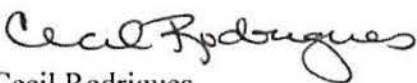
Dear Secretary Grumbles:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the Primacy Revision Application dated February 12, 2017 by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). This package modifies Maryland's Public Water System Supervision Program for the adoption of the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that Maryland's Primacy Revision Application is complete and final. Interim primacy is being granted to Maryland pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §142.12(e) and remains in effect until EPA approves or disapproves the revised primacy program. EPA's ninety (90) day review period, as per 40 C.F.R. §142.12(d)(3), begins on the date of this letter. We will notify you of our decision.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Kyle Zieba, EPA's Maryland Liaison at (215) 814-5420.

Sincerely,


Cecil Rodrigues
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Saeid Kasraei
MDE, Water Supply Program