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Anthony J. DePasquale, P.E.
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100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390

RE: Water Quality Certification # 14-WQC-02
Maintenance Dredging of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

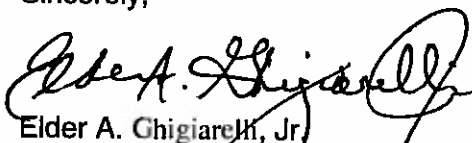
I am responding to your request for a two-year extension of the referenced Water Quality Certification (WQC) issued to the Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) on December 19, 2014. The WQC authorizes the maintenance dredging of the Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) Canal and placement of the dredged material at the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF). The WQC expires on March 31, 2016.

The WQC requires the Corps to install a liner at the Pearce Creek DMCF prior to the placement of any dredged material. Due to delays in the Corps' award of the liner installation contract, construction will not be completed until October, 2017. Dredged material placement will commence immediately upon completion of the liner construction and will be completed by March 31, 2018. Your letter also notes that, with the extension, the placement of dredged material will coincide with the completion of the extension of the public water supply system from Cecilton to the communities of West View Shores and Bay View Estates. As you know, the WQC requires that construction commence on the extension of the public water supply system prior to the placement of dredged material at the Pearce Creek DMCF.

Based on the unanticipated delay in project completion, the Maryland Department of the Environment hereby extends WQC # 14-WQC-02 until March 31, 2018. Please note that all other conditions of the WQC remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-537-3763, or by email at elder.ghigiarelli@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Chris Correale, Maryland Port Administration