

June 30, 2017

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

The Maryland Department of Transportation Port Administration (MPA) is funding the extension of the Town of Cecilton municipal water system to the Pearce Creek Service Area as part of the Army Corps of Engineers' reactivation of the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF). The Pearce Creek Service Area consists of properties in West View Shores, Bay View Estates, Sunset Pointe, and a few homes along Pond Neck Road; these properties currently depend on individual wells for drinking water and other household water needs. Extension of the public water supply system is being undertaken to mitigate historical impacts to groundwater resources in the vicinity of the Pearce Creek DMCF. The MPA is funding the extension of the water lines from the Town, the connection to the water lines of the 235 homes identified in the 2014 Grant Agreement with the Town of Cecilton, and the abandonment of existing wells for these homeowners in the Pearce Creek Service Area.

At the *What To Expect During On-lot Construction* public meeting held at Bohemia Manor High School on April 8, 2017, several residents inquired about the possibility of retaining some or all components of their existing water treatment systems (such as water softeners) in conjunction with connecting to the Town of Cecilton public water line. Since the beginning of the project, communications to residents about the scope of the on-lot construction process has included the disconnection of existing private water treatment systems prior to connection of the home to the Town of Cecilton public water line. However, in response to requests from the residents, MPA, the Town of Cecilton, and AECOM (the engineering firm for the Town, overseeing the construction of the drinking water system) committed to exploring and identifying whether the retention of some or all of the private water treatment systems could be accommodated.

In consultation with appropriate health and regulatory authorities and based on a detailed evaluation of several alternative approaches to the retention of private water treatment systems, including considerations for water quality and safety, cost, efficiency, and liability, **the determination has been made to disconnect all existing water treatment system equipment** as had been the intent since project inception. However, should you wish to re-install a water softener or other component of a private water treatment system, you may do so at your own expense, in accordance with all applicable codes, after the connection has been made to the

Town public water line. The goal of MPA has been and continues to be to provide the funding necessary to bring Town of Cecilton water to the homeowners in the Pearce Creek Service Area. The Town of Cecilton's drinking water meets all state and Federal drinking water requirements and does not need to be further treated to meet those requirements.

The Pearce Creek Outreach website <http://www.pearcecreekoutreach.com> is a useful resource for project details and updates, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and information about the citizen/agency stakeholder-led Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC), which will meet again on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at The Parklands (90B North Center Street, Cecilton, MD 21219).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact **Chris Rogers, AECOM** by phone: (302) 781-5945 or email: [christopher.rogers@aecom.com](mailto:christopher.rogers@aecom.com). You may also contact me directly at (410) 385-4563 or [kweiss1@marylandports.com](mailto:kweiss1@marylandports.com).

Sincerely,



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