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RE: Controlled Hazardous Substance Notification Regulations – Proposed

Dear Sir or Madam:

On October 23, 2009, the Maryland Department of the Environment's (Department) proposed new controlled hazardous substance notification regulations in the *Maryland Register*. The Department is providing you with information regarding these proposed regulations in hopes that you will share the information with members of your association.

The proposed regulations, pursuant to Section 7-222(d) of the Environment Article, would require responsible persons that possess evidence of a release of controlled hazardous substances (CHS) into the environment above certain regulatory levels to notify the Department. These regulations would require a Responsible Person to submit notification within 48 hours of discovering a release. In addition, the proposed regulations would require a Responsible Person to notify MDE if he or she possesses evidence of release that occurred. The Department estimates that the proposed regulations would become effective by January 31, 2010. The statute will not be in effect until the regulations are finalized. The Department will accept voluntary notifications submitted by responsible persons during the interim period.

The Department will host a workshop on these proposed regulations on November 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at MDE's headquarters. Please e-mail me to RSVP at JCarroll@mde.state.md.us and indicate the number of people who may be attending from your organization. The Department also requests that you include any questions with your email to focus the workshop discussion on pertinent issues. Enclosed with this letter is also a fact sheet on the proposed regulations, a copy of the notification standards, and the CHS Notification Form. Additional information is available on the Department's website at <http://www.mde.state.md.us>.

Sincerely,

James Carroll, Program Administrator
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cc: Horacio Tablada, Director, Land Management Administration