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Dear Hamid:

Thank you for the submission to EPA of the District of Columbia's draft Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) and final 2012-2013 milestones. I greatly appreciate the efforts of you and your partners to develop these documents.

The Phase II WIP and 2012 – 2013 milestones are important elements in helping us meet the Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council's goal of having all practices in place by 2025 to meet water quality standards in the Chesapeake Bay. Through the District's Phase II WIP, you have met EPA's expectations for making key stakeholders aware of their role in cleaning up our region's waterways. The 2012-2013 milestones demonstrate that the District will take the necessary, near-term actions to achieve these long-term goals.

I am enclosing EPA's evaluation of your draft Phase II WIP and final, 2012-2013 milestones. This evaluation includes expected improvements for the Final Phase II WIP, as well as recommendations for additional 2012-2013 milestones. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss these findings last week. Based on the strength of the District's draft Phase II WIP and 2012-2013 milestones as well as your exceptional coordination with federal agencies, EPA intends to maintain ongoing oversight to ensure these commitments are fulfilled. In addition, my staff and I are committed to working with you to continue strengthening the Phase II WIPs and 2012-2013 milestones between now and March 30.

I look forward to our continued dialogue as we work toward a strong final Phase II WIP and near-term milestones that will help achieve our shared goals for a restored Chesapeake Bay. Please let Reggie Parrish or me know of any questions, and we will be in touch.

Sincerely,

  
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