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Ms. Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Haddaway-Riccio:

Artesian Water Maryland, Inc. is a water utility regulated by the Public Service Commission that provides service to approximately 2,300 metered customers in Cecil County, Maryland. Its sister company, Artesian Water Company, Inc., has a more than 110 year history of providing public water service in neighboring Delaware. As part of our provision of public water service in Cecil County, we are the owner and operator of a water treatment plant in Port Deposit, Maryland that draws water from the Susquehanna River. This source of water is also critical to the future development of the 1,200 acre parcel that was formerly the location of the Bainbridge Naval Center.

Our source water intake in the Susquehanna River at Port Deposit is below the Conowingo Dam and is subject to high turbidity when additional gates are opened at the dam that allow for the release of sediments otherwise typically confined behind the dam. The higher levels of turbidity experienced as a result of the release of these accumulated sediments result in additional cost for treatment and can temporarily impact the use of our raw water intake.

We fully support efforts to reduce the amount of sediment currently behind the Conowingo Dam. A meaningful reduction in such sediments will greatly reduce the impact upon those of us with raw water intakes below the dam used for public water supply as well as positively impacting the overall health of the Chesapeake Bay, particularly following significant storm events.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our support as your office works diligently to address and resolve the sedimentation issue at the Conowingo Dam.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. DiNunzio
President
Artesian Water Maryland, Inc.