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GUIDANCE FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM HURRICANE IRENE AND TROPICAL STORM LEE

To facilitate emergency repairs from recent storm events, the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE” or “the Department”) highlights the following established procedures for conducting emergency repairs for damage resulting from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

You may obtain emergency authorization from the Department for nearly all wetlands and waterway activities if: (1) the emergency repairs will prevent a threat to life, severe loss or damage to property, or an imminent threat to public safety or public works; and (2) the anticipated threat, loss, or damage may occur before a permit or license can be issued by MDE. While the Department strongly encourages you to contact MDE before beginning any emergency work, you may initiate emergency repairs immediately. Additionally, you must:

- Notify MDE no later than the next business day after beginning an emergency regulated activity;
- Limit repairs to the dimensions of the original structure(s);
- Employ standard best management practices during the emergency work, such as stream diversion and dewatering; and
- Submit an application, including any applicable fee, within three days of initiation of the repair, unless MDE has granted an extension of time for submitting the application.

The Department’s principal contacts are provided in the table below. In addition, recognizing that the majority of emergency repair work is related to roads, bridges, and culverts, contact information and county assignments are provided for the engineers assigned to the Waterway Construction Division.

In addition, on September 15, 2011, the Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Special Public Notice on behalf of the Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh Districts. The special notice describes how the Corps will regulate repairs of damage to public and private property caused by Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011, and associated flooding and weather conditions. The Corps special public notice can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Wetlands%20Permits/PublicNotice/SPN/SPN11-73.pdf>

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