



# Maryland

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Gavin L. Kaiser, P.E.  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390

RE: Water Quality Certification # 14-WQC-02  
Maintenance Dredging of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

I am responding to your request for an extension of the referenced Water Quality Certification (WQC) issued to the Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) on December 19, 2014. The WQC authorizes the maintenance dredging of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and its approach channel, and placement of the dredged material at the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF). The initial expiration date of the WQC was March 31, 2016.

As you are aware, by letter dated March 24, 2016, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) granted an extension of the WQC for two years until March 31, 2018, due to unanticipated delays with the installation of the required liner at the Pearce Creek DMCF. The delays have also prevented the Corps from completing the authorized dredging quantities by the March 31, 2018 expiration date of the WQC.

Accordingly, the Maryland Department of the Environment hereby grants a one-year extension of WQC # 14-WQC-02, or until March 31, 2019, to complete the authorized dredging. Please note that all other conditions of the WQC remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-537-3763, or by email at [elder.ghigiarelli@maryland.gov](mailto:elder.ghigiarelli@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elder A. Ghigiarelli, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elder A. Ghigiarelli, Jr.  
Deputy Program Administrator  
Wetlands and Waterways Program

Cc: Kristen Keene, Maryland Port Administration