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September 14, 2012

F. Fenby Moore
2415 Woodbine Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

Re: Notice of Violation Water Appropriation and Use Permit- HO1992S004

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is responsible for the administration and enforcement of State laws and regulations concerning water use. Review of the water withdrawal records for 2011 showed that amount of water used for agricultural irrigation at Larriland Farm exceeded the permitted limit of a daily average of 30,000 gallons on a yearly basis by 134 percent. Withdrawal of water in excess of the permitted amount is a violation of the conditions of your Water Appropriation and Use Permit enforceable under Maryland law and regulation.

We request that within 14 days of receipt of this letter you provide this office with a written plan and schedule that demonstrates the steps you will take to return to compliance with your permit and State law. Please note that failure to comply with permit requirements or to respond to this letter could result in legal action and penalties of up to \$5,000 per day under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article §5-514.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me or Zohreh Izadi at (410) 537-3714 or by email at cnagle@mde.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Christine Nagle
Enforcement Coordinator
Water Supply Program

cc: **Howard County Environmental Health Department**
Permit file

