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Dear Mr. Johnston:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that LimnoTech will be updating the report entitled "Comparison of Draft Load Estimates for Cultivated Cropland in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed" dated December 8, 2010. We anticipate completing this review no later than July 15, 2011. I am writing so that you can alert the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) that we would be happy to share this information and answer any questions the committee has regarding our comparison.

I understand that the STAC is working with the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to review the loading estimates discussed in our report. Our updated report will include some additional analyses comparing the loads in the final Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and USDA's final Conservation Effects Assessment Projects' report that was published in February 2011.

We hope that STAC's schedule for review of the loading estimates will permit us to provide an updated report to the committee. If this is not the case, please advise and I will contact our client to see if we may expedite provision of the additional analyses that we conducted. We would also be pleased to answer any questions that the STAC may have regarding our report.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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