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Dr. Kirk Havens, Chair
CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
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Dear Dr. Havens:

The Lower Susquehanna River Watershed Assessment (LSRWA) Team express our appreciation and gratitude to the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for sponsoring the independent scientific peer review of the draft "Lower Susquehanna River Watershed Assessment, Maryland and Pennsylvania Phase I." Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the peer reviewers' comments provided in the STAC publication entitled "Review of the Lower Susquehanna River Watershed Assessment."

The collective team of 11 independent reviewers did an outstanding job of responding to the 6 questions posed in the original request for an independent scientific peer review. The reviewers' comments and recommendations were comprehensive, well written, and very helpful in improving the level and depth of documentation provided in the LSRWA report.

The LSRWA Team responded to each individual comment and recommendation as extracted from the extensive text responses to each of the six questions as well as each of the 'other recommended edits/specific concerns from the main report, by page number.' The Team's "Draft" collective responses are documented within Appendix I, Attachment I-7 of the revised draft October 2014 version of the LSRWA report. This version of the report has been released for public review and comment through January 9, 2015. The Team's "Final" collective responses are enclosed. This "Final" version of the Team's collective responses will be part of the Final version of the LSRWA report scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2015.

Please extend the LSRWA Team's thanks to all the independent peer reviewers for their investment of time and effort in conducting this comprehensive review of literally thousands of pages of documentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Bierly", is positioned above the typed name.

Daniel Bierly
Chief, Civil Project Development Branch
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Enclosure
cc: LSRWA Team Members
Mr. Nick DiPasquale, Chair, CBP Management Board