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Mr. Eric L. Tissue
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Dear Mr. Tissue:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the BaySaver® Separation System. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Water Management Administration (WMA) appreciates this opportunity to clarify its position concerning the use of this structure for stormwater quality management.

Currently, WMA believes that the BaySaver® Separation System may be used to pre-treat stormwater as part of a series of practices or to capture industrial spills. Additionally, WMA believes that circumstances may exist, such as retrofit, redevelopment, and infill projects, where the BaySaver® Separation System may be appropriate for "stand-alone" water quality treatment. Use in these instances would depend upon the details of each specific project and an appropriate case-by-case determination with the appropriate approval authority. However, WMA's policy is that these devices should not be used by themselves for stormwater quality treatment in new development applications. This is further clarified in Chapter 2.7 of the 2000 Maryland Stormwater Design Manual, Volumes I & II.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If there are any questions concerning this issue, please contact me at (410) 631-3543.

Sincerely,

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