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Mr. Yosef Kebede
Director
Howard County Department of Public Works
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Mr. Kebede:

The Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") has completed its review of Howard County's (the "County") Resolution No. 143-2025, for adopting the County's 2025-2034 Solid Waste Management Plan (the "Plan"). The County Council adopted the Plan on September 2, 2025, and the Department of Public Works forwarded the Plan to MDE for its review and approval. MDE received the adopted resolution and the Plan on September 29, 2025.

After review, MDE determined that the adopted resolution satisfies the requirements of Sections 9-503, 9-505, and 9-1703 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Code of Maryland Regulations 26.03.03. In accordance with Section 9-507(a) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Plan is approved.

Section 9-506(b)(2) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires the County to submit a progress report to MDE at least every two years. Since the County's Plan was adopted on September 29, 2025, the County must submit to MDE its progress report on or before **September 29, 2027**.

Thank you for your continuing interest and cooperation in providing sound and long-term solid waste management planning for the County. If you have questions or need additional clarification of these matters, please contact me at 410-537-3381 or by email at rick.kessler@maryland.gov, or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Bradley Baker, Manager, Resource Management Program, at 410-537-3314 or by email at Bradley.baker1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Rick Kessler
Director
Land and Materials Administration

cc: Honorable Liz Walsh, Chair, Howard County Council
Honorable Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
Alan Wilcom, Howard County Bureau of Environmental Services
Bradley Baker