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**Senate Bill 253
Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities -
Chemical Warfare Material Requirements**

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Position: **FAVORABLE**
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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 253 as amended by the Senate. In its current posture, the bill would permit a very narrow exception to specific permitting requirements necessary for military research at one facility in the state. While CBF does not support relaxing air emissions regulations generally, we appreciate that the amended bill ensures the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has appropriate regulatory oversight over the research activities that could be permitted under the bill.

CBF requests the Committee's FAVORABLE report on SB 253.

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