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Favorable with Amendments - HB0624
Environment - Suppliers of Water - Notification Requirements

Maryland Department of Emergency Management
Environment and Transportation Committee
Hearing Date: 22 February 2023

Chairman Kumar P. Barve
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 20401

Chairman Barve,

The Maryland Department of Emergency Management writes today **in support of HB0624 with amendments.**

MDEM supports the requirement for suppliers of water to give notice to MDEM in the event of a positive E. coli test. Information sharing is critical during all incidents, including those with potential public health hazards. The role of the Department of Emergency Management for all incidents, regardless of the hazard, is to support local jurisdictions and coordinate the State response, and early notification will assist us in our efforts.

However, MDEM does not have the authority to issue boil water advisories as required by (B)(2) (page 3, lines 4-7). As such, we respectfully recommend amending the bill to remove that requirement. MDEM has relayed this request with the sponsor and are willing to continue working with the Committee on this item.

MDEM appreciates the opportunity to share this information with the Committee on HB0624. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Sierra, MDEM legislative liaison: anna.sierra1@maryland.gov.