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*Environmental Protection and Restoration
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House Bill 831

Environment – Septic Systems – Online Database

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Position: Support

To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** HB 831 which establishes an online database for reporting certain data on septic systems throughout the state.

Septic systems continue to be a source of water pollution in some parts of the state, especially when failing. The State's Bay Restoration Fund has money set aside for sewer hookups for failing septic systems as well as upgrades to better functioning systems. An online database could be a useful tool for identifying the highest priority investments for septic upgrades and connections so that limited money can get the biggest load reductions of nitrogen and bacteria.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 831.

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