



Serena McIlwain, Secretary Suzanne E. Dorsey, Deputy Secretary

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RE: Poplar Hill Solar

To whom it may concern,

This letter shall serve as documentation that the aforementioned project does not require additional Tier II Antidegradation Review for the following reasons: The project has little to no resource impacts. The project is more than 100 feet from the closest stream and will not remove any existing forest buffer. There is no forest clearing associated with this project, and all impervious surfaces are treated using environmental site design.

The Applicant shall provide this cover letter, along with all other Tier II Review documentation used by the Department to support the satisfactory determination for future State approvals, reviews, and permitting, where necessary. There are no further Tier II comments. Additional comments may be provided if there is a major modification to the project, as stipulated by COMAR 26.08.02.04-2(F). Applicants may still have to update the Antidegradation Review Checklist for each set of approved construction plans when applying for coverage or transfers under General Permit For Discharges of Stormwater Associated With Construction Activity Maryland General Permit No. 20-CP.

Best regards,

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