

**Comment Response Document
Regarding the Water Quality Analyses (WQAs) of Zinc in the Middle Harbor and Curtis Bay/Creek Portions of Patapsco River Mesohaline Chesapeake Bay Tidal Segment in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County, MD**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public comment period of the proposed WQAs of zinc for the Middle Harbor and Curtis Bay/ Creek portions of the Patapsco River Mesohaline Chesapeake Bay Tidal Segment. The comment period was from September 10, 2021 to October 12, 2021. MDE received one set of written comments.

Below is a list of the commenters, their affiliations, the date comments were submitted, and the number referenced to the comments. In the pages that follow, comments are summarized along with MDE’s responses.

List of Commenters

Author	Affiliation	Date	Comment Number
Mr. Hunter Pates	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	October 4, 2021	1-3

Comments and Responses

1. The commenter references page 4 paragraph 5 stating, please correct “presented in Sections 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5”.

Response: The text has been revised to reflect the correct sections.

2. The commentor references page 4 paragraph 6 stating please correct “water chemistry evaluation is presented in Section 3.6”.

Response: The text has been revised to reflect the correct sections.

3. The commentor references page 22, Section 5.0, paragraph 2 stating remove leading comma in first sentence.

Response: The text has been corrected.