December 6, 2018

Ms. Ellen Herbst, USM Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance
Universities at Shady Grove
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Adelphi, MD 20783-1690

RE: Notice of Intent Approval letter

Dear Ms. Herbst:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (Department), Water and Science Administration (WSA) has issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from State and Federal Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) (General Discharge Permit No. 13-SF-5501, General NPDES No. MDR055501). The legal framework for permit requirements is provided in the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 122 pertaining to NPDES MS4 programs. Regulated MS4 operators identified in the general permit were required to seek authorization to discharge stormwater by submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Department by October 31, 2018.

This is to confirm that the Department has received a completed NOI from the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), University System of Maryland to obtain NPDES coverage for stormwater discharges located at USG. The USG is required to comply with the conditions of the general permit which is effective for five years unless administratively continued by the Department. The USG must demonstrate compliance with permit conditions by submitting progress reports by October 31st each year.

Thank you for your cooperation in submitting the NOI. The Department looks forward to working with you to achieve compliance with the permit and contribute to efforts to improve local water quality and restore the Chesapeake Bay. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-537-3550 or Ms. Deborah Cappuccitti at 410-537-3533 or deborah.cappuccitti@maryland.gov.

Regards,

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