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MEMORANDUM

To: Dan Greig, District Manager
Chester County Conservation District

From: Mark S. Mitman
HBA Government Affairs

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Subj: District Fee Schedule

On behalf of the Home Builders Association of Chester/Delaware Counties (“the HBA”), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to suggest an improvement to the 2009 Chester County Conservation District Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Fee Schedule.

In 2006, the HBA and the District established a pilot program that provided the necessary training to allow contractors/site managers to conduct self-inspections for erosion and sediment controls in accordance with the prepared plan for a project. The so-called “Partnership Inspection Program” has been readily acknowledged as a success by all parties involved. And as such, it has been expanded to additional counties within the region.

In an effort to broaden builder participation in the Program, the HBA would like to suggest that the District expand eligibility for the 25% credit against the erosion and sedimentation control plan application fees to include those applicants who volunteer to subject themselves to the Program’s guidelines.

Increasing participation in the Program will benefit pollution prevention efforts through increased scrutiny of site controls.

Any forgone District revenues produced by offering a 25% credit against application fees will be quickly offset through the labor saving aspects of having builder site managers assume the majority of routine inspection responsibilities from the District. And, since a portion of the application fee is designed to pay for the cost of District inspections, it would seem reasonable to offer a credit to those applicants who assume a portion of those costs for the District.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this suggestion.