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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

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SUBJECT: Roundtable Discussion: Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs): Implications
for Local Governments

RECOMMENDATION: Information and Discussion

EPA's implementation of the Clean Water Act now requires local governments to develop and implement comprehensive plans to meet new water pollution limits for the Chesapeake Bay and local streams. All the processes the Planning Board is charged with, from land use planning to development review and subdivision staging policy, must include recommendations to improve water quality that are tailored to specific pollutants for each watershed and even small sections of streams.

This briefing will provide information needed for an understanding of the implications of these new requirements for local government in general and the Planning Department in particular. The briefing will cover:

- Pollutant Limits 101
- Consequences of Pollution Limits
- The Role of Local Government
- The Planning Department's Role