

~~regulations adopted pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974, codified as 49 C.F.R. 27 (1984), nor would any such order be enforceable under Section 12(a) of this subtitle.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect if Chapter 393 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1989 becomes void, as provided in Section 2 of Chapter 393.~~

Chapter 393 of the Acts of 1989

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 1991, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 194.

Senate Bill 194 would impose administrative penalties on sewage treatment plants that are found in significant violations of the discharge limitations under the federal Clean Water Act. The bill was amended in the House of Delegates to also require that the Department of the Environment extend a compliance order or program if the owner of the sewage treatment plant is eligible for and applied to receive State funds for plant modifications and the funds are not currently available.

The Department of the Environment has requested a veto of Senate Bill 194, because it has received a letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicating that the House amendment to the bill is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act and may jeopardize the delegation agreement between EPA and the State. The Clean Water Act requires that in order for Maryland to receive authorization to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, State law must contain adequate authority to ensure compliance with the Act. The provision in the bill that requires the Department to extend a compliance order or program if State funds are not