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TO: Fairfax County Planning Commission

FROM: Stella Koch, Chair  
Environmental Quality Advisory Council

SUBJECT: zMOD: Question about Water Supply Protection Overlay District

Article 3 of the Zoning Ordinance proposed for public hearing addresses Overlay and Commercial Revitalization Districts. Water Supply Protection Overlay Districts are addressed in Section 3103.5. The Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) respectfully requests responses to the following questions related to Section 3103.5:

- The Use Standards as set forth in subsection 3103.5.D(2) require the submittal of information from certain establishments about toxic and hazardous materials including the wastes to be stored, a soils report, a description of surface and groundwater characteristics, a description of spill prevention measures and more. The subsection does not appear to give authority to the Director to reject a use based on the information provided. How will the Director utilize this information and will the Director be able to reject a use based on the information provided?
- The Water Supply Protection Overlay District provides for the protection of the waters in the county used as a water supply. It would appear that a similar or equal level of protection should be afforded all watersheds and streams of Fairfax County. Has the Planning Commission considered extending the Water Supply Protection Overlay District to the entire county?

EQAC appreciates your attention to this matter and looks forward to your responses. Responses should be forwarded to the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination at the address listed below or can be transmitted via email to Kelly Naylor at [kelly.naylor@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kelly.naylor@fairfaxcounty.gov), who will forward them to EQAC.