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Dear Mr. Ward,

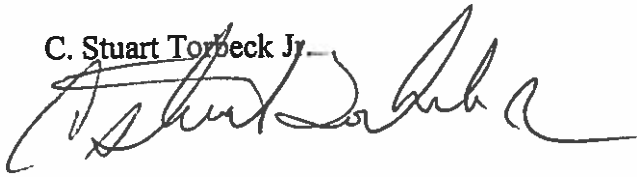
Thank you for your submitted request for monitoring on Sycolin, South Fork Catoctin, Goose Creek and Bull Run. Jeff Talbott at the DEQ Northern Regional Office in Woodbridge, Va. has reviewed your request. Here are his recommendations.

1. **South Fork Catoctin Creek:** Between 2007 and 2012 DEQ has collected four monitoring stations on the South Fork Catoctin Creek for TMDL development. A great deal of resources was put into this effort. At this time DEQ is not going to put more effort into monitoring the stream. Maybe in 2015 if resources and manpower allow we will revisit the South Fork of Catoctin Creek.
2. **Sycolin Creek:** DEQ collected a biological station on Sycolin Creek at Route 707 in 2013. We will collect this station again in the spring and fall. This station is located above the requested station but do to a shortage of manpower we cannot sample another station at this time. If manpower improves, maybe we can revisit the lower Sycolin at a later date.
3. **Goose Creek:** DEQ currently collects biological data on Goose Creek at Route 621 just down stream from the requested area, we will sample again in 2014. This request as been met.
4. **Bull Run:** DEQ has not collected a biological station on Bull Run in a number of years. DEQ will sample the Route 705 bridge in 2014. This request has been met.

We appreciate the nominations submitted. The citizen nomination process is an important resource to help DEQ identify water bodies for sampling. DEQ makes every effort to have monitoring data available to the public. If you would like to learn more about current DEQ sampling efforts, please visit the website

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/WaterQualityMonitoring.aspx> If you have any questions about DEQ monitoring in your area, please contact Jeff Talbott at (703) 583-3902 or by e-mail at jeff.talbott@deq.virginia.gov

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Stuart Torbeck Jr.", written over the printed name.

Water Quality Data Liaison

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