

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of the Environment



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Mr. Daniel Bishop
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Bladensburg, MD 20710

Dear Mr. Bishop,

The District Department of Environment (DDOE) appreciates your interest in assisting us with meeting our water quality commitments under the District's new Municipal Separate Storm Sew System (MS4) Permit. Permeable pavement systems are an important technology that the District is evaluating for greater use due to its ability to reduce stormwater pollution from entering our rivers and streams.

While DDOE can't officially endorse a proprietary product, *PaveDrain™* does appear to be a very promising solution for the District. Particularly, the product's apparent ease of installation that does not require certification for contractors and can be installed during any temperature, and the fact that *PaveDrain™* can easily be removed and replaced for underground maintenance activities are especially appealing. These attributes would overcome problems that have been encountered by other permeable pavement solutions.

To meet the District's water quality objectives, numerous technologies and design solutions will be required. I look forward to seeing *PaveDrain™* and similar products installed and evaluated in the District to determine the best solutions to protect our waterways.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Seltzer".

Jeffrey Seltzer, P.E.
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District Department of Environment

