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# Maryland agriculture voices opposition to new law

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Representatives of Maryland agriculture, led by the heads of the Maryland Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, have prevailed upon the State's Congressional delegation to limit the authority of the Army Corps of Engineers to its traditional role in the control and protection of navigable waters of the United States.

Recent federal legislation (Public Law 404) greatly broadened the Corps' authority. The Corps has now issued new rules and regulations covering permits for dredging and filling that encroach on the traditional rights of land owners, whose property through remote streams, may include ponds, ditches and even areas subject to periodic wetness.

At a meeting at the national Capitol, on Thursday, November 6, a group representing Maryland agricultural interests expressed to Senators Charles McC. Mathias (R.), and J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (R.), Congressman Paul Sarbanes (D., 3rd Dist.) and staff officials representing the

other Maryland members of the House of Representatives, their strong opposition to the expanded authority of the Corps of Engineers.

Wilbert Paul, President of the Maryland Soil Conservation Districts, which have functioned here since the 1930's, said that the new federal regulations would be counter-productive and duplicate already effective state control over water resources. He pointed out that permits for dredging and filling, which could be obtained within 30 days, will henceforth required three months or longer, with the Corps now involved.

Jack Miller, representing the Maryland Farm Bureau, stressed that the new regulations would adversely affect important farm decisions and cut back food production. He said the Public Law 404 virtually authorizes the Corps' district engineer to make vital decisions affecting agriculture "at his own discretion or whim".

Natural Resources Secretary, James B. Coulter, pointed out that he does not think that it was the intent of

Congress to permit the Corps to interfere in the normal, everyday affairs of American citizens. He, too, expressed the view that Maryland has effective laws, regulations and programs to protect wetland and water quality. The new federal legislation creates problems of overlapping jurisdiction, he added.

Agriculture Secretary, Young D. Hance, emphasized that with a responsive state department of agriculture and twenty four active Soil Conservation Districts, Maryland does not need the federal government to make local decisions for farmers on what is environmentally sound.

Senator Mathias, who led the discussion, said that he was well familiar with the situation and, from a previous study of Chesapeake Bay problems, was keenly aware of the variety of permits required and the unnecessary delays encountered.

The meeting concluded with a general agreement that the state's Congressional delegation, some of whom have already introduced corrective measures, would further coordinate their efforts in a move to accelerate appropriate legislative action.

A spokesman for the farm group said that it is generally conceded that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has been less than sympathetic and understanding of agriculture's problems, is largely to blame for the narrow, bureaucratic interpretation of Public Law 404. He said that EPA had obtained a court order forcing the Corps to implement the new regulations.

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SUBMITTED BY: ROBERT KREIDER 430 BISCAYNE ROAD LANCASTER PA 17601

SAMPLE NO: 1-74 FIELD NO: 2 ACRES: 40.0 UNIT: 1 LAB NO: 40321 01

PRESENT IN SOIL (LBS/ACRE)	INFORMATION FROM DATA SHEET
7.2 PH	CORN CROP
0.00 SOLUBLE SALTS (PERCENT)	25.0 TONS YIELD GOAL
0 ALKALINITY INDEX	10 TON CATTLE MANURE 40-20-50 N-P-K VALUE
1.3 ORGANIC MATTER (PERCENT)	NONE RESIDUE VALUE
4.9 ORGANIC NITROGEN	SUGGESTED APPLICATION (LBS/ACRE)
40 NITRATE NITROGEN	100 TOTAL NITROGEN
70 AVAILABLE PHOSPHATE	NONE ACTUAL PHOSPHATE
340 AVAILABLE POTASH	20 ACTUAL POTASH
67 SULFATE SULFUR	20 ACTUAL SULFUR (SULFATE)
0.31 ZINC	5 ACTUAL ZINC
15.8 MANGANESE	NONE ACTUAL MANGANESE
3.3 COPPER	NONE ACTUAL COPPER
0.2 BORON	1.0 ACTUAL BORON
14.8 IRON	NONE ACTUAL IRON
24.9 MAGNESIUM	10 ACTUAL MAGNESIUM
120.0 CALCIUM	NONE GYPSUM
2.9 SODIUM	NONE ELEMENTAL SULFUR
2.0 CHLORINE	NONE LINE REQUIREMENT

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