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	SUBJECT	Re: City Council Bill 08-0115		

TO The Honorable Stephanie Rawling-Blake
 President,
 City Council of Baltimore
 400 City Hall

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The Environmental Control Board (**ECB**) has reviewed the above referenced City Council Bill that proposes changes to several existing city code numbers. It appears that the substantive content of the provisions have not changed but the numbering system for many have changed, such that the same violation is referred to by a different number than the preceding year.

This affects the systemic operations of ECB, with its link to the issuing agencies, collections, finance, information posted on the internet and materials distributed to the public regarding the enumerated violations by code sections. These changes took place in December 2007 when the new Building, Fire and other Related Codes (BFRC) were updated. City Council Bill 08-115 refers to the Ordinance 07-522. ECB was not notified for comment at that time. ECB made the necessary adjustments and the inspectors started writing tickets on these new provisions in March 2008. The first three months of the year the inspectors and officers continued to cite on the old code until we could adapt the electronic systems to the numbering changes.

It necessitated a retraining of the inspection staff, clerical staff, data entry staff in collections, Administrative Judges, and the public.

ECB has adjusted to the provisions that impact it directly. ECB supports the removal of any obsolete provisions from the codes. ECB provides no comment on the code sections that do not affect ECB directly, but defers to the agencies directly impacted by the proposed changes.

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