

JEANNETTE GEORGE

Date: 2/9/18

Bert Nixon, EHS, Board Chair
Maryland State Board of Environmental Health Specialists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of Environmental Health Specialists License
License Number: 001277
Case Number: 17-001

Dear Mr. Nixon and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State of Maryland, License Number: ~~001227~~, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice as an environmental health specialist, with or without compensation, or otherwise engage in the practice of an environmental health specialist in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Environmental Health Specialists Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations II. ("H.O.") §§ 21-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

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I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and on the Board's acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State of Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my license by the Maryland State Board of Environmental Health Specialists (the "Board"). The results of the investigation led the Board to issue disciplinary charges against me on or about December 15, 2017, under Case Number 17-001.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State of Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges now pending before the Board. I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of this matter and issued disciplinary charges against me under the Act.

After its investigation the Board charged me with violating the following provisions of H.O. §§ 21-312(b)

- (3) Knowingly violates any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation adopted under this title;
- (4) Commits any gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct while performing the duties of an environmental health specialist; [and]
- (8) Willfully makes or files a false report or records while performed the duties of an environmental health specialist[.]

I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the aforementioned charges under the Act. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would be able to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that I violated the Act as charged. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to environmental health specialist licensure, those investigative findings will be treated as if proven.

I further acknowledge that the State can prove that I falsified a final septic installation inspection report for an inspection that I conducted on December 30, 2016. I later admitted to my employer and to the Board's investigator that I had indeed falsified the report.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest the charges in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I understand that the Board will advise, in any response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action under the Act. I also understand that in the event I would apply for license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative documents may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provision § 4-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol.), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I affirm that on or before the date of Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, I will provide to Board staff my environmental health specialist licenses. I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will

remain surrendered for a minimum period of two (2) years, effective the date that this document is accepted by the Board. As a condition of petitioning for reinstatement of my Maryland License, I may be required to undergo medical, psychological and/or psychiatric evaluations to determine my fitness by a Board-approved evaluator at my expense to determine my fitness to practice as an environmental health specialist. I will also need to provide documentation that I have continued to satisfy my continuing education requirements for all renewal periods prior to my reinstatement. If I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland License, I understand that the Board is not required to grant reinstatement and, if it does grant reinstatement, may impose any terms and conditions the Board considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I understand that when applying for reinstatement, I will approach Board in the same posture as one whose license has been revoked. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement, I bear the burden of demonstrating my professional competence and fitness to practice as an environmental health specialist to the satisfaction of the Board.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to be represented by the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to counsel with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I have knowingly, willfully and intelligently waived my right to be represented by an attorney before signing this letter surrendering my license to practice as an environmental health specialist in Maryland. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I voluntarily choose to surrender my Maryland license to practice as an environmental health specialist pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.



Jeannette George EHS

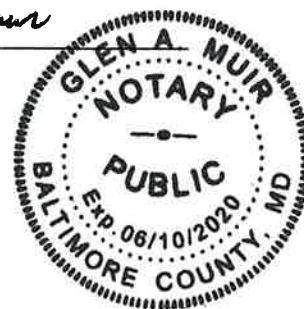
NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7 day of February, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Jeannette George**, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Glen A. Muir
Notary Public



My Commission expires: 6/10/2020

ACCEPTANCE

On this 4th day of April, 2018, I, Bert Nixon, EHS, on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Environmental Specialists Examiners, accept the **SURRENDER** of the license of **Jeannette George, EHS** to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State of Maryland.

Bert Nixon
Bert Nixon, EHS
Board Chair
Maryland State Board of Environmental Health Specialists.