

LETTER OF SURRENDER
STUART WHITE, LICENSE NO. 001145

Linda Rudie, E.H.S.
Board Chair
Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of Environmental Health Specialist License
License No.: 001145

Dear Ms. Rudie 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 001145, to the Maryland State Board of Environmental Health Specialists (the "Board"). 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 ("Health Occ.") §§ 21-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.) and the Board's regulations, COMAR 10.60.01 *et seq.* In other words, I understand that the surrender of my license means that, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and, upon 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 practice by the Board. The results of the investigation led the Board to issue disciplinary charges against me on or about November 9, 2021, under Case Number 20-001. Specifically, the Board charged me with violating Health Occ. § 21-312(b) (4) ("Commits any gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct while performing the duties of any environmental health specialist"). The charges were based on allegations that I approved plans for and completed inspections of seven different facilities with restrooms that opened directly into the kitchen/food preparation area in violation of COMAR 10.15.03.19J(6). 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.

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I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the charges under the Act. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would have sufficient evidence to find, 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 allegations will be treated as if proven.

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. I also understand that in the event I would apply for a license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, this Letter of Surrender 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 Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.), and that this Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by the Board.

I affirm that I will provide Board staff my environmental health specialist license (wall and wallet) to the Board at the time I submit this letter of surrender.

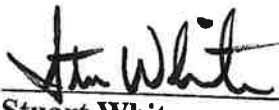
I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**, beginning on the date that this document is accepted by the Board. As a condition of petitioning for reinstatement of my Maryland license, I may be 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 the 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 the proceedings before the Board, including my right to counsel with an attorney before 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

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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.

Sincerely,



Stuart White

12/10/21
Date

ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS, on this 12 day of January, 2022, I accept **Stuart White's** public Voluntary Surrender of his license to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State of Maryland, license number 001145.

1-12-2022
Date


Linda Rudie, E.H.S.
Board Chair
Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists

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NOTARIZATION

CITY: Southill

COUNTY: Worcester

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of December,

before me, Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, **Stuart White** personally appeared, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Voluntary Surrender was the voluntary act and deed of **Stuart White**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

SEAL

Debra May
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 5.31.2024

