

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION & PUBLIC HEARING

Modification of the General Permit For Discharges of Stormwater Associated With Industrial Activity No. 12SW-A, NPDES Permit MDR00

General Discharge Permit No. 12SW (NPDES No. MDR00) regulates storm water discharges from various federal discharge categories of industrial facilities in the state of Maryland. The Department proposes to modify the state/NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) General Permit for Discharges of Storm-water Associated with Industrial Activities with revisions to the restoration requirements in the current permit as summarized here: (1) authorizes trading as an option for meeting restoration requirements; (2) extends opportunity for generating marketable credits to those facilities who otherwise have no restoration requirements; (3) includes specific reporting requirements when trading is occurring; and (4) extends deadline for restoration requirements to December 31, 2020.

The fact sheet and draft modification permit is available on MDE's website (direct shortcut link is <http://9nl.at/MD-SWGP>). The modification will replace pages 9 through 12 and add an Appendix G to the current permit. The current permit is available on this page as well.

The Department will hold a public hearing concerning the tentative determination on **Tuesday, July 24 at 1pm** in the **Terra Conference Room at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230.**

Persons who wish to present information regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing, submit written comments at the public hearing, or submit a written statement to the Department no later than **July 31, 2018**. All comments will be considered in making a final determination.

Written comments should be addressed to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mr. Michael Richardson, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division. The supporting information for the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Richardson at the above address or by telephone at (410) 537-3323 or 1-800-633-6101 to schedule an appointment. Copies of documents may be procured at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the public hearing by contacting the Office of Fair Practices, at (410) 537-3964 at least ten working days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TTY users should contact the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-201-7165.

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