

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

**General Permit for the Discharge of Composting Toilet Wastewater to Groundwater by Land Application
State Discharge Permit: 18CT**

The Department proposes to issue a new state General Discharge Permit for the discharge of compost toilet liquids (wastewater) from composting toilets to groundwater – via land application. Land application means that the wastewater is discharged directly onto vegetated ground and is considered a beneficial reuse of the wastewater. The permit will be valid for five years from the date of issuance. Currently only individual Discharge Permit coverage is available for compost toilet liquids discharges to groundwater via land application. Compost toilet liquids that are land applied at private dwellings and other types of facilities that use composting toilet technology may apply for this permit coverage. The method of discharge is by low-pressure manual methods.

Facilities will have the choice to obtain individual or general permit coverage. This proposed permit includes similar operation and maintenance requirements and requires the same pollutant testing as in current individual permits for the discharge of compost toilet liquids. Testing will be required prior to every land application event.

The Department will hold a public hearing concerning the tentative determination on Thursday April 26, 2018 in the Aeris Conference Room from 1 to 3 PM, at the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230. Any hearing impaired person may request an interpreter at the hearing by contacting **Elaine Sykes, Office of Fair Practices at (410) 537-3152** at least ten working days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TTY users should contact the Maryland Relay Service at 1 800 201-7165.

The draft permit and fact sheet is available on MDE's website (www.mde.maryland.gov) and can be found under "Notices and Alerts" through the comment period. Any questions regarding this tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet should be directed to Michael Eisner or Tracy Rocca-Weikart at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, at mike.eisner@maryland.gov, or tracy.rocca-weikart@maryland.gov or by telephone at 410-537-3778 between the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the document may be obtained at a cost of \$0.36 per page. Written comments concerning the tentative determination will also be considered in the preparation of a final determination if received by Michael Eisner at the above address, on or before May 3, 2018.