

Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities
October 29 2019 9:30 am-11:30am
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Blvd

Conference Call# 7127705505 access code 951633#

- 9:30 am Welcome and Introductions
- Membership
 - Ethics Forms completion
New Website-<http://efds.ethics.maryland.gov>
 - Newly passed Environmental Laws. Included below 2019-2017
 - 2020 Legislative Session
 - See Newly passed Legislation below
 - Moving forward
- 9:50 am Retreat Meeting Minutes Approval
- 10:00 am Eastern Shore Case Study
- 10:15 am Vaping info and Update (Impact on People & Communities)
- MD currently has 23 cases on Vaping Associated Lung injury. Nationally, there have been over 800 cases with about 15 deaths. MD is actively participating in National efforts to compose a response. MD participates monthly calls with CDC & FDA on identifying products & sources of issues to coordinate efforts. Most cases are associated with nicotine, THC, cannabinoids however there is still work to do and studies to conduct. Extensive product testing in underway nationally. There is no statewide Vaping ban. Vaping is prohibited on MARC Commuter Trains.
 - Children should NOT vape under any circumstances.
- 10:30 am Outreach Plan Discussion-Picking up Where we left off
- Communication Guidelines document
 - How to move forward
 - Community Liaisons/Ambassadors
 - Next Steps
- 11:15 am Public Comments
- 11:30 am Adjournment

2019 Legislative Session

The following are bills passed during the Maryland's 2019 Legislative Session that relate to Land and Materials Administration's programs.

- [HB 0036 Ch. 136 - Surface Mining - Zone of Dewatering Influence - Remedies](#). Requiring a surface mining permittee, on the discovery of a sudden subsidence of the surface of the land, to immediately implement appropriate safety measures to protect public health and safety; requiring a surface mining permittee to permanently replace a water supply within a certain zone of dewatering influence within 45 days of the date on which the permittee knew of the water supply failure; authorizing a surface mining permittee to seek reimbursement for water supply replacement costs under certain circumstances; etc. Sections [15-801](#), [15-812](#), and [15-813](#) of the Environment Article, [Annotated Code of Maryland](#).
- [HB 0109 Ch. 579 - Environment - Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products - Prohibitions](#). Prohibiting a person from selling in the State an expanded polystyrene food service product on or after July 1, 2020; prohibiting food service businesses or schools from selling or providing food or beverages in expanded polystyrene food service products on or after July 1, 2020; confirming the authority of local government entities to establish standards that are at least as stringent as those in the Act; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a public education and outreach antilittering campaign; etc. Sections 9-2201 through 9-2207 of the Environment Article, [Annotated Code of Maryland](#).
- [HB 0510 Ch. 366 - Organic Waste - Organics Recycling - Collection and Acceptance for Final Disposal](#). Prohibiting the owner or operator of a refuse disposal system from accepting loads of separately collected organic waste for final disposal unless the owner or operator provides for the organics recycling of the organic waste; authorizing that loads of separately collected food waste that are determined by an organics recycling facility to be unacceptable for recycling due to contamination may be accepted by a refuse disposal system for final disposal; etc. [Section 9-1701](#), [9-1723](#), and [9-1724 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland](#).
- [HB 1233 Ch. 341 - Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing - Elevated Blood Lead Levels and Environmental Investigations \(Maryland Healthy Children Act\)](#). Reducing the elevated blood lead level that initiates certain case management, notification, and lead risk reduction requirements in owner-occupied and affected properties; altering certain notification requirements triggered by the results of a certain blood test; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations, on or before July 1, 2020, for conducting certain environmental investigations in accordance with certain requirements; etc. Sections [6-304 and 6-305](#), [6-801](#), [6-819](#), [6-846](#) of the Environment Article, [Annotated Code of Maryland](#).
- [SB 0370 Ch. 500 - Environment - Recycling - Office Buildings](#). Requiring a county to address, in a recycling plan required to be submitted to the Secretary of the Environment, the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from buildings that are 150,000 square feet or greater of office space; requiring each owner of an office building to provide recycling

receptacles for the collection of recyclable materials and for the removal of certain materials for further recycling by October 1, 2021; authorizing certain enforcement units to conduct certain inspections; etc. Sections 9-1701, 9-1703, and 9-1714 of the Environment Article, [Annotated Code of Maryland](#).

- [SB 0546 Ch. 760 - Agriculture - Nutrient Management - Monitoring and Enforcement](#). Requiring that a summary of each nutrient management plan be filed and updated with the Department of Agriculture at certain times; authorizing the Department to require an updated summary to take the form of an annual implementation report; requiring a manure broker to provide certain information to a certain person; requiring a person who holds a certain certificate or license to comply with certain reporting requirements and deadlines related to implementation of the Phosphorus Management Tool; etc. Sections Article - Agriculture ([8-801.1](#), [8-803](#), [8-803.1](#), [8-807](#)); Article - Environment ([9-301](#), [9-323](#), [9-325](#)); Article - Natural Resources (8-2A-05) 9-1707, [Annotated Code of Maryland](#).
- [SB 1031 Ch. 772 - Environment - Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund and Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund - Funding, Reallocation, and Reimbursements](#). Altering the basis for calculating a certain license fee credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund and the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund; expanding, to include fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the purposes for which the Department of the Environment may use money in the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; etc. Sections [4-411](#) and [4-705](#) of the Environment Article, [Annotated Code of Maryland](#).

2018 Legislative Session

The following are bills passed during the Maryland's 2019 Legislative Session that relate to Land and Materials Administration's programs.

- [SB 844 Ch. 630 - Environment - Newsprint Recycling Board](#). Repeal and Transfer of Authority. Repeals the Newsprint Recycling Board within the Maryland Department of the Environment and transfers the board's responsibilities to the Secretary of the Environment. [Section 9-1707 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland](#).

2017 Legislative Session

The following are bills passed during the Maryland's 2019 Legislative Session that relate to Land and Materials Administration's programs.

- [HB 66 Ch. 385 - Environment - Lead and Mercury Wheel Weights](#). Prohibiting certain persons from using, allowing to be used, or selling certain lead or mercury wheel weights. [Section 6-501 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland](#).

- **HB 171 Ch. 384 - Environment - Yard Waste, Food Residuals, and Other Organic Materials Diversion and Infrastructure - Study.** Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with specified persons, to study, review, explore, identify, and make recommendations regarding specified matters that relate to the diversion of yard waste, food residuals, and other organic materials from refuse disposal facilities, including the status of infrastructure in the State; requiring the Department to provide a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2019.
- **HB 504 - Products That Contain Mercury - Prohibition on Sale of Electric Switches, Electric Relays, and Gas Valve Switches.** Prohibiting a specified marketer from knowingly selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer on or after October 1, 2018. Sections 6-905, 6-905.3 through 6-905.6 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- **HB 1309 -- Environment - Recycling - Special Events.** Requiring the State, a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide a written statement before issuing a permit for a special event that describes the requirements and penalties under the special events recycling law, and altering the maximum penalty a local government may collect under the special events recycling law. Section 9-1712 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- **HB 1349 Ch. 374 - Environment - Compostable, Degradable, and Biodegradable Plastic Products - Labeling.** Prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product that is labeled as biodegradable, degradable, or decomposable on or after October 1, 2018 unless the plastic product meets certain standards. Requiring a person that distributes or sells certain compostable plastic products for certain purposes to label the product in a certain manner. Sections 9-2101 through 9-2105 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Taken directly from MDE website(<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/Pages/LMA-Legislation.aspx>)