House Bill 95, which took effect on October 1, 2013, established an alternate public review procedure for sources subject to public review only because they trigger EPA’s New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). The following types of sources may be subject alternate procedures: non-emergency generators, small combined heat/power facilities, and peak shaving units.

I. ELECTRONIC POSTING

Before issuing a permit to construct subject to the alternate public review procedures, the Department shall electronically post a notice of an application for the permit on the Department’s website in accordance with Environment Article, §1-602(B)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland.

II. NOTICE TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Department shall give notice to the chief executive of any county or municipal corporation in which any portion of the source is located or is proposed to be located.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Department shall provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the permit application.

IV. ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

The Department shall respond to all public comments received prior to issuing the permit to construct.