2.07 OIL OPERATIONS PERMIT FOR OIL CONTAMINATED SOILS

Question: Does my company plan to store, treat, handle or process soils that have been contaminated with oil?

Why do I need this approval?
An oil operations permit for treatment of oil-contaminated soils is required for anyone who stores and treats oil-contaminated soil.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

What is the process to get this approval?
1) Applicant submits a completed application to the Department. Applications should be submitted to:
   Maryland Department of the Environment
   Oil Control Program
   1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 620
   Baltimore, MD 21230-1720
   Fax - (410) 537-3092
2) The Oil Control Program conducts a review of the proposed operation and inspects the location of the facility.
3) The Oil Control Program conducts a public information meeting at applicant’s expense.
4) The Oil Control Program may prepare written responses to questions and comments on the proposed treatment facility.
5) The Department issues or denies the permit.

Before I apply for this approval, do I need to get any approvals from the local or federal government?
Local zoning and land use approvals for the proposed treatment facility must be obtained and documentation in writing from the zoning authority must be provided.

Is this approval directly related or contingent on other approvals?
Depending on equipment used to process or treat oil-contaminated soils, a permit may be required from the Air and Radiation Administration (1.01 – 1.05).

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?
180 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?
5 years

How much will this approval cost?
No fee.

Do I need to know any additional information?
In the event that other permits are required, the Department may conduct combined public meetings for all permit applications.

Who do I contact with additional questions?
AST and Permits Section
Oil Control Program
(410) 537-3442

Related link:
https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/Pages/land_permits.aspx