

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

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION & PUBLIC HEARING

**General Permit for Discharges from Tanks, Pipes, Other Liquid Containment Structures,
Dewatering Activities, and Groundwater Remediation**

General Discharge Permit No. 17HT (NPDES No. MD6670000) The Department proposes to reissue the State/NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit 11HT (NPDES No. MDG67) as the new 17HT. The 17HT permit applies to discharges of wastewater from hydrostatic testing, potable water systems, construction dewatering, groundwater remediation, flushing of fire control systems, and tank bottoms, and stormwater from storage tank containment structures in the state of Maryland.

The permit requires specific control measures and limitations at the facility based on the type of discharge. When the permit is formally adopted, industries currently covered by the 11HT permit will have 6 months to file a notice of intent (NOI) and fee payment to the Department to obtain coverage under the reissued permit.

The proposed permit requires the effluent from each type of discharge regulated by the permit meet specific numerical and narrative limits. The proposed permit also requires monitoring and on-line electronic submission of Discharge Monitoring. For the 17HT permit, the Department is also proposing several changes from the 11HT, which include:

1. Addition of dewatering activities and groundwater remediation to allowable discharges;
2. Clarification of limitations by reformatting permit into separate "Discharge Categories";
3. New requirements regarding chemical additives used for wastewater treatment;
4. Expansion of the requirement for a Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP) to include all types of discharge regulated by the permit;
5. More specific requirements regarding visual monitoring of discharges; and
6. Introduction of a tiered monitoring frequency concept based on flow for discharges from hydrostatic testing and groundwater remediation.

The permit also includes several clarifications on the types of eligible discharges authorized by the permit and updates various permit conditions. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged from the 11HT permit. A more detailed notice may be reviewed and downloaded from the hydrostatic testing general permit page (here: <http://clickmeterlink.com/MD-HTGP>).

The Department will hold a public hearing concerning the tentative determination on **September 6, 2018 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Aqua and Terra Conference Rooms at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard 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 **September 13, 2018**. 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**. All comments will be considered in making a final determination.

The draft permit and fact sheet may be downloaded from <http://clktr4ck.com/MD-Permit-Portal> by searching for 17HT0000 as the State Num and then clicking the "More Info." button. These and other documents may also be reviewed and downloaded from the hydrostatic testing general permit page (here: <http://clickmeterlink.com/MD-HTGP>). Finally, 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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FYI - **Notice will be published in the Maryland Register on August 3, 2018.**