

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

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

**General Permit for Discharges from Marinas Including
Boat Yards and Yacht Basins**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is proposing a tentative determination to reissue the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from Marinas Including Boat Yards and Yacht Basins (State Permit No. 16-MA-0000, NPDES No. MDG990000). This permit provides coverage to establishments indentified by primary Standard Industrial Classification code 4493, which typically rent boat slips, store boats, and generally perform a range of other boating services including cleaning and incidental repair.

The proposed renewal permit continues existing requirements to prevent contamination of stormwater for operations which provide maintenance or cleaning. Quarterly visual examinations of stormwater discharges and comprehensive annual inspections are required. Also, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is required.

While the majority of existing dischargers have eliminated direct discharge of wastewater from pressure washing of boat bottoms painted with antifouling paints discharging to surface water, the proposed permit renewal continues limitations from any such remaining discharges for total suspended solids (50 mg/L maximum), copper (0.06 mg/L maximum), lead (0.08 mg/L maximum) and zinc (0.81 mg/L maximum).

The permit does not require the collection of bilge water. However, if bilge is collected from a vessel in order to prevent an incidental discharge to the waters of the State, it must be tested and is subject to limitation and monitoring. The bilge water limits are for oil & grease 10 mg/L (monthly average), and 15 mg/L (daily maximum).

The significant revisions to the previously issue permit (Number 10MA) are as follows:

- The permit introduces required electronic submittal of monitoring reports (NetDMR) as required by new federal regulations. The NetDMR is a U.S. EPA tool allowing regulated facilities subject to discharge limits to submit their test data and reports via internet application.
- *NOI and SWPPP*: The required application, called a Notice of Intent or NOI, requires additional information relevant to the permit conditions (such as local stream impairments or TMDLs, etc.). Also required is an electronic version of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) submitted via email, posting online or another form of electronic submission. The permit requires that specific control measures be included in the SWPPP, a requirement consistent with other existing discharge permits regulating stormwater.
- The permit introduces new Best Management Practices (BMPs) based compliance options to comply with chlorine limits for washing of docks at marinas.
- *Miscellaneous*: The permit includes several clarifications on the types of eligible discharges authorized by the permit and updates various permit conditions. The updated permit conditions include, but are not limited to: requirements for obtaining coverage under an individual permit, as necessary; direction on the termination of coverage under a permit; continuation of an expired general permit; corrective action requirements and triggers; the definitions for stormwater associated with industrial activity, impaired water, total maximum daily load (TMDL) and other terms; as well as conditions for facility operation and maintenance, permit modification, and civil penalties for violations

of permit conditions. When the permit is formally adopted, industries currently covered by the 10MA permit will then have 3 months to file an NOI, pay the renewal fee, and submit updated SWPPP to the Department to continue coverage under the reissued permit.

- All other terms and conditions remain unchanged from the 10-MA permit.

The Department will hold a public hearing concerning the tentative determination on **Friday, December 2, 2016 at 1pm** in the Terra Conference Room at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Any hearing impaired person may request an interpreter at the 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.

The proposed permit is available for free download on MDE's website using this link <http://bit.ly/MDE-16-MA>. Any questions should be directed to Robert Pudmericky at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 455, Baltimore, MD 21230-1708, Rob.Pudmericky@Maryland.gov, or by telephone at 410-537-3323 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hardcopies of the proposed permit record may be obtained at a cost of \$0.36 per page. Written comments concerning the draft permit will be considered in the preparation of a final determination if received by Michael Richardson (Michael.Richardson@Maryland.gov) at the above address, on or before December 9, 2016.