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NOTICE – Opportunity to Comment on Draft Proposed Oil Pollution Control and Storage Tank Management Regulations:

Pursuant to Chapter 212, Acts of 2019, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) will provide the opportunity for small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other interested parties to comment on a draft proposal to amend Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) by adopting new regulations under COMAR 26.10 Oil Pollution Control and Storage Tank Management. The draft proposed regulatory changes are expected to affect small businesses that:

- Retail motor fuel;
- Own and operate a motor fuel dispensing facility;
- Own and operate a service station for vehicles or vessels;
- Own and operate an oil aboveground and/or underground storage tank system;
- Own and operate a hazardous substance underground storage tank system;
- Own and operate an emergency power generator UST system;
- Offer an approved training program for UST system operators;
- Train and certify UST system technicians, removers, and inspectors;
- Employ certified Class A, Class B, and Class C Operators;
- Employ certified UST system technicians, removers, and inspectors;
- Install, maintain, repair, and close residential heating oil tanks;
- Perform environmental services such as testing and sampling of monitoring wells and petroleum products and by-products; or
- Participate in any combination of the above activities.

Public comments on the draft proposed regulations will be accepted through **November 2, 2021**. Please submit comments concerning the draft proposed regulations via email, mail, fax, or telephone to:

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If submitting a written comment, please include “Oil Pollution Control and Storage Tank Management Regulations” in the subject line.

Note: Additional public comments will be accepted by MDE during the mandatory 30-day public comment period required by law for all newly proposed regulations, which begins once proposed regulations are published in the *Maryland Register*.