

Oil and Gas Fund Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024

Environment Article, Section 14-124

Maryland Department of the Environment

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The Honorable William C. Ferguson
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Adrienne M. Jones
Speaker of the House
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

As required by Section 14-124 of the Environment Article, the Maryland Department of the Environment (the Department) submits this letter as the annual report on the Oil and Gas Fund (the Fund) for FY24. Copies of the report are provided in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

Sources of money for the Fund consist of fees, funds appropriated by the General Assembly, fines and bond forfeitures collected by the Department that exceed the amount necessary to restore a site, and additional money made available from any source. The Department is authorized to use money in the Fund solely to administer and implement programs relating to oil and gas wells.

The Fund did not receive any revenue and therefore, no expenditures were made during FY24. The Fund had a \$0 balance at the close of FY24. The Department's Mining Program administers the State's oil and gas regulatory program. In FY24, Mining Program staff reissued eight permits for existing wells, but no new permit applications were received in FY24. There were seven gas well inspections completed in FY24, with no violations found.

If we can provide you with any additional information, please contact Leslie (Les) Knapp, Director of Government Relations, at (410) 537-3889 or email at les.knapp@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Serena McIlwain
Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment

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