

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
LAND AND MATERIALS ADMINISTRATION – OIL CONTROL PROGRAM**
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 620 • Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719
(410) 537-3442 • 1-800-633-6101 • <http://www.mde.maryland.gov>

Report of Observations

Date	3/31/26	Facility ID	7874
Type of Inspection / Observations	Spill Investigation	Case #	26-0420PG
Site / Facility Name	Andrews Air Force Base	Permit #	
Address	██████████ Andrews AFB	MDEnviroScreen¹	
Point of Contact (POC)	██████████	POC Phone	██████████
POC Email	██████████	POC Fax	

Remarks

Regional inspector Michael Jester is following up on open case No.: 26-0420PG. The case was opened after fuel odors and a slight rainbow sheen were observed near an outfall into Piscataway Creek at the ██████████ of the base on March 23, 2026. Following discovery of the sheen, the facility deployed absorbent material onto Piscataway Creek at the referenced outfall. The facility also began investigating the source of the sheen. To date, the facility has not identified a source. The facility is part of the public water system.

On 3/24/26, the facility received additional complaints that petroleum odors were present in a storm drain near Hanger ██████. The facility shut down the ██████ fuel hydrant system at that time. The facility also observed petroleum odors and sheen on Piscataway Creek further upstream than the initial impacted section. The facility added additional absorbents to Piscataway Creek and investigated the storm drain on that date.

On 3/30/26, the ██████ fuel hydrant system was tested and failed. The tester determined that the point of failure was row ██████. The facility has requested that the ██████ fuel hydrant to be re-opened except for row ██████ which would remain closed. Additionally, the facility confirmed that they are still performing daily inspections of the absorbent material on Piscataway Creek and using a vacuum truck to remove contaminated surface waters as needed.

The facility failed to report the precision test failure of the ██████ fuel hydrant within 2-hours of discovery as required by Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.10.08.01.A.

The Oil Control Program (OCP) hereby denies the facilities request to place the ██████ fuel hydrant pipeline back in service. The following requirements must be performed immediately, once performed, the OCP will review the documents and re-evaluate the facilities request to open the ██████ fuel hydrant pipeline:

- Submit a site map of the ██████ fuel hydrant to include the following:
 - Identify each independent section that was precision tightness tested and length of each section.
 - Identify the location of all isolation valves used to isolate the pipeline for testing.
 - Identify the section of piping that failed (Row ██████).
- Submit verification of ██████ fuel hydrant piping installation date.
- Submit a copy of the precision tightness test records for ██████ fuel hydrant performed 3/30/26.
- Submit a timeline for the investigation and subsequent repairs for the failed piping section (Row ██████).

**MDE/LMA/OCP
Report of Observation**

The following requirements were issued in the report of Observations dated 3/26/26 and have not been completed or are in progress:

- Immediately investigate the source of the sheen/release observed on Piscataway Creek and [REDACTED] storm drain.
 - Submit daily updates of the investigation and activities findings.
- Perform daily inspections of the absorbent material on Piscataway Creek until further notice from MDE.
 - Remove and replace spent absorbent material as needed.
- Submit a copy of release detection records for the onsite fuel hydrant systems for the months of March 2025- March 2026.
- Continue to keep the [REDACTED] fuel hydrant system closed until approval from MDE.
- Submit a copy of the most recent precision tightness test of the [REDACTED] fuel hydrant piping system.
- If a source to spill is identified, onsite conditions substantially worsen, notify inspector Jester immediately at 410-808-8993.

**MDE/LMA/OCP
Report of Observation**


Photographs Taken: Yes No

NOTES

- Report the following conditions to the Department immediately, but not later than 2 hours after the detection, at **410-537-3442** during normal business hours, or to the Emergency Response Division hotline at **1-866-633-4686**:
 - Evidence of a spill, release, or discharge of oil;
 - A release detection method, monitoring results, or investigation of an alarm indicates that a spill, release, or discharge may have occurred;
 - Investigation of an inventory variation reveals a leak;
 - If a storage tank system fails a test for tightness,;
 - Two consecutive inconclusive precision tightness test results;
 - A storage system (aboveground or underground) is determined to be leaking;
 - Test failure of spill catchment basins, containment sumps, or test of a cathodic protection resulting determination the system is inadequate;
 - Presence of liquid phase hydrocarbons; absorbed or free product in soil; vapors in soil, basement, sewer or utility line; or waters of the State;
 - Unusual operating conditions exist, such as erratic behavior of product dispensing equipment, the sudden loss of a regulated substance from a storage tank system, unexplained presence of water in a storage tank, or liquid in the interstitial space of a secondary containment system.

- Reports should **not** be made via voice messages to OCP case managers.

- Operating without a permit or in violation of a permit, regulation, or law may result in the assessment of civil or administrative penalties and or other legal sanctions.

<p>MDE Representative: Michael Jester Phone: 410-537-3024 Email: Michael.jester@maryland.gov</p>	<p>Emailed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Person Interviewed (print): [REDACTED]</p>
<p>Signature:</p> 	<p>Signature:</p>
<p>Date: 3/31/26</p>	<p>Date: 3/31/26</p>