



MEMORANDUM

TO: Certified Underground Storage Tank System Technicians and Removers, Companies that employ Certified UST System Technicians and Removers, Environmental Consultants, and Oil Spill Contractors

FROM: Christopher H. Ralston, Program Manager, Oil Control Program *CHR*

DATE: May 17, 2024

RE: **Timeline for Residential Heating Oil Tank System Site Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program Applications and Expense Forms**

This memorandum is meant to inform you of certain deadlines that are relevant to the Residential Heating Oil Tank System Site Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program (the Program).

The statutory authority (Env. Art. 4-705(b)(2)) for residential owners of a heating oil tank to apply for reimbursement to the Program ends June 30, 2024. Specifically, the law says, "Until June 30, 2024, the residential owner of a heating oil tank eligible under § 4-704(b)(1)(iii) of this subtitle may apply to the Fund for reimbursement not later than 6 months after the completion of rehabilitation for usual, customary, and reasonable costs incurred on or after October 1, 2000, in performing the site rehabilitation."

Based on the law, MDE will accept applications to the Reimbursement Program through July 1, 2024 (note that because June 30, 2024 is a Sunday, state law moves the effective deadline to July 1, 2024), provided the work was not completed more than 6 months prior to the application.

Provided there is an application received by July 1, 2024, the approved applicant can be reimbursed for eligible expenses after July 1, 2024. However, all requests for reimbursements must be received within 6 months of the completion of the work. Therefore, an applicant with an approved application has until December 31, 2024 to submit an expense form.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 30, 2024 / July 1, 2024** – This is the last day that an applicant may apply to the Program by submitting a complete application.
- **December 31, 2024** – This is the last day that an approved applicant may submit an expense form to be considered for reimbursement from the Program.

The following documents remain available on the OCP Residential Heating Oil webpage:
mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/OilControl/Pages/ResidentialHeatingOil.aspx

- A fact sheet about the Program – “Residential Heating Oil Tank System Site Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program, What You Need to Know”:
mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/OilControl/Documents/Residential_Reimbursement_Factsheet_Revised_10-4-22_4pgs.pdf.
- The instruction and application form for the Program:
mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/OilControl/Documents/Residential_Reimbursement_Application_Revised_10-6-22_12pgs.pdf.
- The expense form for the Program:
mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/OilControl/Documents/Residential_Reimbursement_Form_Revised_9-30-22_2pgs.pdf.

Contact Information

For questions about the Residential Heating Oil Tank System Site Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program, or to check the status of an application, please contact LMA’s Operational and Administrative Services Program at (410) 537-3676, or (800) 633-6101 x3676, or by email at caprice.mclaughlin1@maryland.gov or diana.williams1@maryland.gov.