

**Maryland Department of the Environment
Land and Materials Administration**

**Notice of Tentative Determination and
Public Hearing**

In accordance with §1-604 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, notice is given that the Land and Materials Administration has made a Tentative Determination to reissue the following State and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Discharge Permits:

General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Hydrostatic Test Water from Oil Terminals to Surface Water or Groundwater of the State (MDG34)

This permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater from aboveground storage tank secondary containment dikes and loading rack areas and hydrostatic test water to surface water or groundwater of the State from petroleum terminals storing less than 5,000,000 gallons of oil. This permit sets numerical limits on the effluent concentrations of the petroleum product contamination following treatment of the stormwater or hydrostatic test water.

General Permit for the Discharge of Treated Groundwater from Oil Contaminated Groundwater Sources to Surface Water or Groundwater of the State (MDG91)

This permit authorizes the discharge of treated groundwater previously contaminated by petroleum products as the result of spills, leaks, or discharges of oil. This permit sets numerical limits on the effluent concentrations of the petroleum product contamination following treatment of the contaminated groundwater.

MDE has scheduled a Public Hearing at the Maryland Department of the Environment located at 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230. The Hearing will be held on August 26, 2024 starting at 12:00 pm. Written comments on the Tentative Determination and draft permits will be accepted until the close of business on August 27, 2024. Comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Tyler Abbott, Director
Land and Materials Administration
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 610
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Similar permits have been authorized for these discharge classes on a 5 year cycle since 1997. Both federal (40 CFR 122) and State (COMAR 26.08.04) regulations require discharge permits for these activities. Specifically, State regulations require that discharges of any wastes or wastewater to surface water or groundwater, regardless of volume, be authorized by a discharge permit. Federal regulations address discharges to surface water only, requiring a permit for the discharge of pollutants. The limits for these permits are based on what has been demonstrated to be technologically achievable. Self-monitoring is required to verify compliance. This permit also sets operational requirements, such as routine inspections. The Permit Fact Sheets and Draft Permits may also be viewed via MDE's website at: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/OilControl/Pages/index.aspx>. For further information regarding this Notice or to request an interpreter, please contact Mr. Brad Barzin, Section Head of the AST & Permits Section, Oil Control Program, at (410) 537-3483.