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Land and Materials Administration • Resource Management Program
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Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit Application

Authority: Title 9, Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.04.06

For questions regarding this application form, please contact the Department at 410-537-3314

Application for (Updated 09/30/2025): ☐ New Permit ☐ Renewal Permit ☐ Modification/Material Alteration or Extension

Existing Permit No.: _____ Issued Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Applicant's Legal Name: _____

Applicant's Status: ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation ☐ Government ☐ Other: _____

Corporation or Government Federal Tax Identification No.: _____

Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) ID No.: _____

Please note that a business/entity must be registered to do business in Maryland before a permit can be issued. The business or entity's information provided in this application must match the information in the SDAT register.

Proof of workers' compensation coverage is required under § 1-202 of the Environment Article. Please provide one of the following:

- (1) A copy of a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission; or
(2) Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy/Binder Number: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant's Telephone No.: () _____ - _____ Facsimile No.: () _____ - _____

Emergency Contact Name & Title: _____ Telephone No.: () _____ - _____

Facility/Site Name: _____

(Where Sewage Sludge Will Be Utilized)

Facility/Site Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Maryland Grid Coordinates: _____ / _____

County Zoning Map No.: _____ Lot/Parcel No.: _____ Deed/Liber/Folio No.: _____

Latitude/Longitude (Deg/Min/Sec): _____ - _____ - _____ / _____ - _____ - _____ Site Acreage: _____

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Information (Source of Sewage Sludge)

(If additional space is required, please use a separate sheet)

Name Of WWTP: _____

Total % Solids of Sewage Sludge: _____%

Sewage Sludge Type:

☐ Anaerobic Digestion ☐ Aerobic Digestion ☐ Lime Stabilized ☐ Unstabilized ☐ Other: _____

Description of Project or Reason for Permit Modification/Alteration or Material Extension:

During the 2022 legislative session, House Bill 1200 (2022 Md. Laws Ch. 588) was passed, which created a new law, §1-601.1 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and revised the public notice requirements under §1-602 of the Environment Article. Effective October 1, 2022, an applicant for a permit listed under §1-601(a) of the Environment Article must include in the permit application the Environmental Justice (EJ) Score resulting from the use of the MDEnviroScreen tool, as defined in the law, to screen the census tract where the applicant is seeking a permit, unless the permit applicant is required to use a tool developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. On receiving the permit application, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is required to review the EJ score for the census tract where the applicant is seeking a permit and verify the applicant's information.

The EJ Score is an overall evaluation of an area's environment and existing environmental justice indicators

including pollution burden exposure, pollution burden environmental effects, sensitive populations, and

socioeconomic factors. Provide the EJ Score resulting from the use of the MDEnviroScreen tool

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/e4148f01ac743b8ac1d2aa2dc0947f/page/MarylandEJ3_0 for the census tract where an applicant is seeking a permit.

Applicant EJ Score: _____

MDE use only: Applicant EJ Score verification: _____

Performance Bond or Other Financial Security:

Except for a municipal landfill operating under a separate financial security or a government agency, an applicant for a Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit is required to file with the Department a bond on a form prescribed by the Department or other financial security as approved by the Department. The bond or other financial security shall be payable to the Department and the obligation of the bond or other financial security shall be conditioned upon the fulfillment of any requirement related to the Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit.

Required Number of Permit Application Packages:

Please submit six (6) copies of the complete permit application package for an application for a new permit or a major modification to an existing permit. For the renewal of an existing permit or a minor permit modification, please submit four (4) copies of the complete permit application package. Please be advised that the Department defines a complete application package as being this application form, payment in full of all required fees, and the submittal of the required number of copies of the information specified in COMAR 26.04.06 for the type of permit applied for.

SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMITS & FEES

(Please submit a separate application for each type of permit applied for)

☐	Application to agricultural land	\$175.00
☐	Application to marginal land	\$350.00
☐	Transportation (out-of-State, to another WWTP, or to a municipal landfill)	\$45.00
☐	Disposal at a municipal landfill	\$350.00
☐	Energy Generation or Incineration*	\$750.00
☐	Research project	\$25.00
☐	Innovative project	\$750.00
☐	Treatment Facility**	\$350.00
☐	Composting Facility**	\$350.00
☐	Marketing (distribution in Maryland of out-of-State Class A sewage sludge)	\$750.00
☐	Storage (to construct and operate a structure for permanent storage)***	\$350.00
☐	Distribution Facility***	\$750.00

Notes: * May require an Air Quality Permit.

** Subject to the requirements of §10-202 of the Environment Article.

*** Subject to the requirements of §1-601 and §10-202 of the Environment Article.

☐	Minor Permit Modification	\$40.00
☐	Major Permit Modification	\$130.00
☐	Material Alteration or Extension	\$130.00
☐	Variance	\$500.00

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Please submit a **COPY** of this form and a check for the total amount due made payable to the "CLEAN WATER FUND" to:

**Maryland Department of the Environment
P.O. Box 1417
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1417**



Please submit the **ORIGINAL** application to:

**Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 610
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719**

By signing this form, I the applicant or duly authorized representative, do solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Except for a separate authorization by the property owner for a land application site, I hereby authorize the representatives of the Department to have access to the site of the proposed activity for inspection and to records relating to this application at any reasonable time. I acknowledge that depending on the type of activity applied for, other permits or approvals may be required.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Applicant's Name (Print)

Title

Privacy Act Notice: This Notice is provided pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552.a. Disclosure of your Social Security Number or Federal Employer Identification Number on this application is mandatory pursuant to the provisions of §1-203 (2003), Environment Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, which requires the Department to verify that an applicant for a permit has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance. The Department is also mandated by §10-119.3, Family Law Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security Number of the applicant and record the applicant's Social Security Number on the application. Pursuant to §10-119.3(a)(2), the definition of "license" means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization that: (i) is issued by a licensing authority; (ii) is subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or termination by a licensing authority; and (iii) is necessary for an individual to practice or engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession. Social Security or Federal Employer Identification Numbers will not be used for any purposes other than those described in this Notice.

This Notice is provided pursuant to § 10-624 of the State Government Article of the Maryland Code. The personal information requested on this form is intended to be used in processing your application. Failure to provide the information requested may result in your application not being processed. You have the right to inspect, amend, or correct this form. The Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") is a public agency and subject to the Maryland Public Information Act (Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-601, et seq.). This form may be made available on the Internet via MDE's website and is subject to inspection or copying, in whole or in part, by the public and other governmental agencies, if not protected by federal or State law.