

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

Notice of Tentative Determination, Informational Meeting and Public Hearing

In accordance with Sections 1-601, 1-602, and 1-604 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has made a Tentative Determination to approve a Groundwater Discharge Permit Renewal Application submitted by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks. The application is for the continued discharge of wastewater generated by rainwater percolating through the rubble cell floor of the closed Al-Ray (also known as the Sands Road Park) Rubble Landfill into groundwater via infiltration/percolation. This landfill is located at 4910 Sands Road, Lothian, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 20711. The current permit requires semi-annual monitoring of the groundwater for metals and organic compounds. The proposed permit allows MDE to set and maintain requirements for the continued monitoring of groundwater quality at the closed rubble landfill, and does not authorize an expansion or other change to the facility, which is now part of the Sands Road Park.

Pursuant to the Environment Article, Sections 1-601 and 1-603, Annotated Code of Maryland, a Virtual Informational Meeting and Public Hearing and an In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing have been scheduled for interested citizens to obtain information about the permit renewal and MDE's Tentative Determination.

VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Virtual Informational Meeting and Public Hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** In order to view or participate in the Virtual Informational Meeting and Public Hearing, a participant must register using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6229328617257452046>.

Once registered, directions to participate online or by phone will be electronically forwarded to the email provided.

Participants using a computer or mobile device to participate in the online public meeting will have the opportunity to submit comments online. Phone-only participants will not have the ability to ask questions or comment during the meeting; however, questions and comments may be sent to Ms. Sara Haile via e-mail to at sara.haile@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-537-3315. Questions and comments must be received by November 6, 2020 in order to be read at the Virtual Informational Meeting and Public Hearing.

IN-PERSON INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary Main Room located at 1361 Wrighton Road, Lothian, Maryland 20711.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to maintain social distancing, attendance at the In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing is extremely limited. As of this notice, Anne Arundel County may only authorize a single member of the public to enter the above location at a time. Interested citizens will be queued outside the main entrance for the building and directed inside once prior attendees have cleared the building. Due to these limitations and for the safety of all, participants are strongly encouraged to participate in the Virtual Informational Meeting and Public Hearing in lieu of attending the In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing.

Participants must register in advance in order to attend the In-Person Informational Meeting Public Hearing. Masks and social distancing will be required for all participants. A participant who fails to register in advance, wear a mask, and practice social distancing will not be allowed to attend the In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing.

To attend the In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing, please call Ms. Sara Haile at 410-537-3315 or send an email to sara.haile@maryland.gov and provide your name, telephone number, and email address. Ms. Haile will confirm, using the contact information that you provide, that you are registered to attend the In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing.

The Department will provide an interpreter for deaf and hearing-impaired persons provided that a request is made for such service at least ten (10) days prior to the In-Person Informational Meeting and Public Hearing.

Further information may be obtained by calling Ms. Sara Haile at 410-537-3315. The permit application, supporting documents, and draft permit will be available for review after October 14, 2020 on the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks website:

<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/> and on the MDE website:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/SolidWaste/Pages/index.aspx>.

Written comments regarding the application may be submitted to Ms. Kaley Laleker, Director, Land and Materials Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 610, Baltimore, Maryland 21230 within 30 days of the publication of this Tentative Determination. For further information regarding this notice, or to request an interpreter, please contact Ms. Sara Haile at (410) 537-3315 or sara.haile@maryland.gov.

Kaley Laleker, Director

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