

Maryland Department of the Environment

Land and Materials Administration

Notice of Application Received and Opportunity for Informational Meeting

In accordance with Sections 1-601, 1-602, and 1-603 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Department of the Environment, Solid Waste Program (MDE/SWP) is presently reviewing a Groundwater Discharge Permit Renewal Application submitted by the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground. The application is for the continued discharge of wastewater generated by rainwater percolating through the rubble cell floor of the closed Phillips Army Airfield Rubble Landfill into groundwater via infiltration/percolation. This landfill is located west of Bush River Road and north of Phillips Army Airfield on the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County, Maryland 21005. The current permit requires semi-annual monitoring of the groundwater for metals and organic compounds. The proposed permit allows MDE/SWP 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.

Per MD Environmental Article §1-601.1, an EJ score was calculated for this facility. The EJ Score is 54. This score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: Pollution Burden Exposure Percentile, Pollution Burden Environmental Effects Percentile, and Sensitive Population Percentile. For more information on how the score was calculated, launch the MDEnviroScreen tool from this website: https://mde.maryland.gov/Environmental_Justice/Pages/MDEnviroScreen.aspx

An Informational Meeting will be held if a written request is received by MDE/SWP on or before January 22, 2026. The request should indicate the name, address and daytime telephone number of the person making the request, the name of any party whom the person making the request may represent, and the name of the facility. Send the request to: Rick Kessler, Director, Land and Materials Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230-1719. The MDE/SWP will provide language translation services and/or an interpreter for the deaf or hearing-impaired persons provided that a request is made for such service at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. The application and supporting documents will be available for public review after January 6, 2026, at the Harford County Public Library located at 21 Franklin Street, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001, at MDE/SWP by appointment, and on the MDE website: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/SolidWaste/Pages/index.aspx>

For further information regarding this notice, to schedule an appointment to review the application, or to request language translation services and/or an interpreter, please contact Sara Haile at (410) 537-3315 or sara.haile@maryland.gov.