

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

Notice of Tentative Determination and Opportunity for 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, Solid Waste Program (MDE/SWP) has made a Tentative Determination to approve a Groundwater Discharge Permit Renewal Application submitted by the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). 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 the 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

A Public Hearing will be held on the MDE/SWP's Tentative Determination on this permit application if a written request is received on or before **Mar. 24, 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. Any written comments concerning the Tentative Determination must be received by the close of business on **Apr. 3, 2026**. Requests for a Public Hearing or written comments should be sent to Rick Kessler, Director, Land and Materials Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 610, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Upon prior request, MDE/SWP will provide an interpreter for the deaf or hearing-impaired persons.

The application, supporting documents, and draft permit will be available for review after Mar. 3, 2026, at the Harford County Public Libraries located at 629 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, Maryland 21040 and at 21 Franklin Street, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001, at MDE/SWP by appointment, and on the MDE/SWP 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 an interpreter, please contact Sara Haile at (410) 537-3315 or sara.haile@maryland.gov.