



**Maryland**  
Department of  
the Environment

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November 1, 2023

The Honorable William C. Ferguson  
President of the Senate  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Adrienne M. Jones  
Speaker of the House  
State House, H-101  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

As required by Section 14-124 of the Environment Article, the Maryland Department of the Environment (the Department) submits this letter as the annual report on the Oil and Gas Fund (the Fund) for FY23. Copies of this report are provided in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

Sources of money for the Fund consist of fees, funds appropriated by the General Assembly, fines and bond forfeitures collected by the Department that exceed the amount necessary to restore a site, and additional money made available from any source. The Department is authorized to use money in the Fund solely to administer and implement programs relating to oil and gas wells.

The Fund received no revenue and made no expenditures during FY23. The Fund had no balance at the close of FY23. The Department's Mining Program administers the State's oil and gas regulatory program. In FY23, Mining Program staff reissued 27 permits for existing wells. No new permit applications were received or issued in FY23. There were 27 gas well inspections done in FY23, with no violations found.

If we can provide you with any additional information, please contact me at 410-537-3084, or Mr. Tyler Abbott, Director of the Land and Materials Administration, at (410) 537-3304 or via email at [tyler.abbott@maryland.gov](mailto:tyler.abbott@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Serena McIlwain  
Secretary

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