

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AIR AND RADIATION ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND
OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA) received a permit-to-construct application from Laurel Sand & Gravel, Inc. – Laurel Hill Quarry on May 19, 2023, to modify their existing crushing and screening plant with the addition of one (1) crusher and three (3) conveyors and the replacement of one (1) screener. The installation is located at 10642 Woodsboro Road, Woodsboro, MD 21798.

In accordance with HB 1200/Ch. 588 of 2022, the applicant provided an environmental justice (EJ) Score for the census tract in which the project is located using the Maryland EJ mapping tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 14.69 which the Department has verified. This score considers three demographic indicators – minority population above 50%, poverty rate above 25% and limited English proficiency above 15%.

Copies of the application, the EJ mapping tool screening report (which includes the score), and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/index.aspx> (click on Docket Number 08-23). Any applicant-provided information regarding a description of the environmental and socioeconomic indicators contributing to that EJ score can also be found at the listed website. Such information has not yet been reviewed by the Department. A review of the submitted information will be conducted when the Department undertakes its technical review of all documents included in the application.

Pursuant to the Environment Article, Section 1-603, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department will hold an informational meeting to discuss the application and the permit review process if the Department receives a written request for a meeting within 10 working days from the date of the second publication of this notice. A requested informational meeting will be held virtually using teleconference or internet-based conferencing technology unless a specific request for an in-person informational meeting is received. All requests for an informational meeting should be directed to the attention of Ms. Shannon Heafey, Air Quality Permits Program, Air and Radiation Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

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Air and Radiation Administration