

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

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA) received a permit-to-construct application from Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc. on July 19, 2024 for a grain drying and handling facility. The proposed installation is located at 14209 Wye Mills Rd., Wye Mills, MD 21679.

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 Screening Tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 42 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%. Multiple environmental health indicators are used to identify overburdened communities.

Copies of the application, the MDE EJ Screening Tool 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 10-24). 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, an Informational Meeting has been scheduled so that citizens can discuss the application and the permit review process with the applicant and the Department.

A community informational meeting has been scheduled so that citizens can discuss the application and the permit with the applicant and the Department. The community informational meeting will be held virtually on September 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

To attend the meeting, please register using the following link no later than September 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM:

<https://forms.gle/mryt3z3mocvEj39P6>

Registered attendees will receive instructions on how to join the virtual meeting using a computer and internet connection or telephone.

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 meeting.

Further information may be obtained by calling Ms. Shannon Heafey at 410-537-4433.

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