

**MARYLAND 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 an application for an Air Quality Permit to Construct and major New Source Review Approval from Perdue AgriBusiness LLC on September 27, 2024 for the installation of a soybean oil extractor and associated equipment. The proposed installations will be located at 6906 Zion Church Road, Salisbury, MD 21804.

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 MDE EJ Screening Tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 81 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 04-25). 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.

An Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaver Run Elementary School, 31481 Old Ocean City Road, Salisbury, MD 21804.

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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