

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

**NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND
OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS**

FIRST NOTICE

The Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA) has completed its review of an application for a Permit to Construct submitted by the University of Maryland College Park on January 15, 2025 for the installation of permanent power and steam generating units. The proposed installation will be located at 7743 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740.

The issuance of the Permit-to-Construct for this facility will be the subject of a Public Hearing to be held on October 22, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the University of Maryland, Seneca Building, Room 0110, 4716 Pontiac Street, College Park, Maryland 20740.

Pursuant to Section 1-604, of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department has made a tentative determination that the Permit-to-Construct can be issued. A final determination on issuance of the permit will only be made after review of all pertinent information presented at the public hearing or received in written comments. Copies of the Department's tentative determination, the application, the draft permit to construct with conditions, and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website. Look for Docket #03-25 at the following link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/index.aspx>

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. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 82, which the Department has verified. This score represents a combined measure of pollution and the potential vulnerability of a population to the effects of pollution. The Department's review of the factors contributing to the score is included in the tentative determination that is available for public inspection.

Persons who wish to make a statement concerning this application at the hearing are requested to provide the Department with a copy of their statement. In lieu of oral statements at the hearing, written comments may be submitted at the time of the hearing or to the Department no later than November 10, 2025.

Interested persons may request an extension to the public comment period. The extension request must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Department no later than November 10, 2025. The public comment period may only be extended one time for a 60-day period.

All requests for an extension to the public comment period and all written comments should be directed to the attention of Ms. Shannon Heafey, by email to shannon.heafey@maryland.gov or by mail to the Air and Radiation Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

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 hearing.

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

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