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 W. R. Grace & Co.-CONN on June 25, 2025 to modify their facility's Industrial Catalyst Operation (ICO) Plant and the expansion side of the MAGNAPORE® (MAG) Catalyst Plant. The proposed modifications will be located at 5500 Chemical Rd., Baltimore, MD 21226 in Curtis Bay.

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 100. This score represents a combined measure of pollution and the potential vulnerability of a population to the effects of pollution.

Copies of the application and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/WR-Grace-Permit-Meeting.aspx

Any applicant-provided information regarding a description of the indicators contributing to the 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.

The Informational Meeting will be held in-person on July 15, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the St. Athanasius Church located at 4708 Prudence St. Baltimore, MD 21226. You may also participate in the meeting virtually. Please register to attend using the following link:

https://forms.gle/XvThXBAiW3s7SwXT6

Registered attendees will receive instructions on how to join virtually using your computer or telephone.

Spanish language translation services will be provided during the meeting. 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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