

## 2.08 OIL TRANSFER LICENSE

- ❑ *Question: Does my company transfer oil into Maryland (e.g. import) by commercial vessel, barge, tank truck, transport, tank car (i.e. rail car), pipeline, or other means?*

### **Why do I need this approval?**

In Maryland, transferring oil into the state without a license is prohibited. A person other than a vessel or barge may not transfer oil into the State without a license.

### **What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?**

STATE: Environment Article, §4-411, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.10.01.08.

### **What is the process to get this approval?**

- 1) Application is submitted to the Oil Control Program.
- 2) The Oil Control Program reviews the application.
- 3) The Oil Control Program verifies the company is registered with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation to conduct business in the State and is in good standing.
- 4) The Department issues or denies the license.

### **Is this approval directly related or contingent on other approvals?**

No

### **What does it mean to transfer oil?**

“Transfer” means the offloading or onloading of oil into the State from or to any commercial vessel, barge, tank truck, tank car, pipeline, or any other means used for transporting oil.

### **Are there any other requirements?**

The licensee must submit quarterly reports indicating the volume of oil transferred, the method of transfer, and the fee paid. Shipment of oil in containers of less than 100 gallons capacity is exempt from the license fee.

### **How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?**

30 days

### **Once I get this approval, how long will it last?**

Licenses are issued within a 5-year cycle and are valid through the expiration date of the current cycle.

### **How much will this approval cost?**

There is no cost for the oil transfer license. However, there is a fee assessed on transfers of oil in Maryland. Beginning July 1, 2025, the oil transfer fee of \$0.09 per barrel of oil transferred into the State is assessed once, at the first point of transfer, and is paid quarterly. The fee is subject to legislative changes.

### **Who do I contact with additional questions?**

Oil Control Program  
(410) 537-3442

Related link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/OilControl/Pages/oiltransportation.aspx>