

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION

General Permit for Discharges from the Application of Pesticides State Discharge Permit: 25PE, NPDES Permit: MDG87

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has made a final determination to reissue the State/National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from the Application of Pesticides (Maryland General Permit No. 25-PE) which authorizes the point source discharges of biological pesticides, and chemical pesticides that leave a residue, to waters of this State. The Maryland General Permit No. 25-PE replaces the Maryland General Permit No. 17-PE, which expired on March 31, 2025.

A public notice on the tentative determination to reissue the permit was published on June 26, 2026, in the Maryland Register and in twenty-two newspapers throughout the state of Maryland during the weeks of June 15 through June 26, 2026. The Department held a hybrid public hearing concerning the tentative determination on Monday, August 24, 2026 starting at 4pm. In addition to the on-line hearing, the in-person hearing was held at the Owings Mills Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library. The Department received comments on the draft permit through August 13, 2026.

After considering all comments received either in writing during the comment period, the Department has made a final determination to issue the permit. Listed below are the major revisions to the tentative determination included in the Department's final determination:

* Appendix E is updated to refer applicants to MDNRs Aquatic Resources Pre-Screening Tool to determine presence of desirable species.

* The Signatory Language for a Limited Liability Company (LLC) was corrected.

Any person adversely affected by this final determination may file a petition for judicial review. Petitions for judicial review of a final determination or permit decision subject to judicial review must be filed in accordance with §1-605 of the Environment Article no later than December 7, 2026 and must be filed in a circuit court in Maryland. Petitions for judicial review must conform to the applicable Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure. Failure to file a petition for judicial review by December 7, 2026, will constitute a waiver of any right to a judicial review of this final determination.

To view and print the final permit and response documents, you may use this link <https://mdewwp.page.link/PEGP>.

Any questions regarding this final determination should be directed to Lillian Deery at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, at lillian.deery@maryland.gov or by telephone at 410- 537-3323 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons seeking to review the final permit and associated file may do so by contacting Ms. Deery to make an appointment. Copies of documents may be obtained at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

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