

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

General Permit for Discharges from Mineral Mines, Quarries, Borrow Pits, and Concrete and Asphalt Plants, Maryland General Permit No. 26-MM (NPDES No. MDG49)

The Department proposes to reissue the State/NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) general discharge permit for Discharges from Mineral Mines, Quarries, Borrow Pits, and Concrete and Asphalt Plants, Maryland General Permit No. 26MM0000 / MDG49000 with the renewal designation of 26MM0000 (26MM). The permit applies to discharges of stormwater and certain wastewater discharges from Mineral Mines, Quarries, Borrow Pits, and Concrete and Asphalt Plants in the State of Maryland. This permit replaces the 15MM, which expired on April 30, 2022.

The permit requires specific control measures and limitations for operations that include mineral mines, asphalt and concrete plants. When the permit is formally adopted, operators currently covered by the 15MM permit will have 6 months to file a notice of intent (NOI) with the Department to obtain coverage.

The proposed permit continues the 15MMs narrative standards, water quality-based limits and technology-based limits, which had been established for each specific type of industrial and resulting discharge regulated. The permit also requires a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), on-line reporting requirements and Corrective Actions.

Significant Revisions:

- * Inclusion of climate change adaptation requirements
- * Inclusion of environmental justice considerations including signage and reporting
- * Improvements to Use Polymers to Reduce Turbidity
- * Addressing No Exposure Concerns for Asphalt or Concrete Plants
- * Updated Corrective Actions and Additional Implementation Measures (AIM) consistent with Departments recently issued permits
- * PFAS considerations in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- * Updated Standard Permit conditions

The draft permit, fact sheet, appendices, and a detailed summary of changes are available on MDE's website at <https://mdewwp.page.link/MMGP>. Hard copies of these documents may also be obtained directly from the Department at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

A hybrid hearing has been scheduled for **November 30, 2026** beginning at 6 PM. The in-person hearing will be held in the Severn - Community Meeting Room, at the Severn Library - Anne Arundel County Public Library, 2624 Annapolis Rd, Severn, MD 21144.

The virtual event may be joined via Google Meet. To participate online, you MUST register using the following link: <https://mdewwp.page.link/PublicMeetings>. There is also a phone listen-only option. Those who want to monitor the virtual hearing in listen-only mode can call +1 650-597-2414 and enter this PIN: 841 872 796#.

The in-person meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals who require reasonable accommodation or a language interpreter to participate in the meeting should contact MDE by email at mde.accommodations@maryland.gov or call 410-537-3152 (MD Relay TTY: 7-1-1) at least 5 business days in advance of the meeting.

Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter for the event by contacting the Office of Fair Practices at (410) 537-3964 at least ten working days before the scheduled hearing date. TTY users should contact the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-201-7165.

Master general permits provide coverage throughout the state of Maryland. An Environmental Justice score cannot be calculated since they are not associated with any specific location. Thus, they are not subject to MD Environmental Article § 1-602(a)(2).

Persons who wish to make a comment regarding the draft permit may speak at the public hearing or submit a written comments to the Department no later than 5:00 PM on **December 7, 2026**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, email or fax. Mail comments to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Ste. 455, Baltimore, MD 21230-1708, Attn: Paul Hlavinka, Industrial Stormwater Permits Division. Email comments to Paul.Hlavinka@Maryland.gov. Fax comments to (410) 537-3163, attention Paul Hlavinka.