

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

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Somerset County**

**Application for State Discharge Permit 25DP1430:**

Perdue Foods, LLC, 31149 Old Ocean City Road, Salisbury, MD 21804 submitted an application to renew a permit to discharge an average of 4,500 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater from Perdue Foods, LLC - Hatchery No. 10, located at 9891 Old Princess Anne Road, Westover, Somerset County, Maryland 21871 to groundwater via spray irrigation.

The Department is proposing to reissue the permit with the following limitations and conditions: (1) E. coli: 125 MPN/100 mL (monthly geometric mean).

The following conditions are also a part of this permit: (1) The permittee shall monitor groundwater quality via 3 groundwater monitoring wells.

Per MD Environmental Article § 1-602(a)(2), an EJ score was calculated for this facility. The EJ Score is 54.50. This score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: Pollution Burden Exposure Percentile, Pollution Burden Environmental Effects Percentile, and Sensitive Population Percentile. For more information on how the score was calculated, launch the MDEnviroScreen tool from this website: <https://mdewwp.page.link/EJ>.

A copy of the draft permit, draft fact sheet, and permit application may be downloaded from the Department's website at <https://mdewwp.page.link/wwpportal>. At that webpage, search for State Number 25DP1430, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.

The Department has received a request for an informational meeting and a public hearing on the tentative determination for the above permit and has scheduled the hearing for **Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Somerset County Princess Anne Library located at 11767 Beechwood St., Princess Anne, MD 21853**. The public hearing will immediately follow the informational meeting.

The hearing will be recorded and transcribed. Persons who wish to present information or testimony regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing, submit written comments at the public hearing, or submit a written statement to the

Department no later than **5 p.m. on April 20, 2026**. All comments will be considered in making a final determination. Comments received via any submission mechanism will all be given equal weight.

Written comments should be addressed to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mrs. Mary Dela Onyemaechi, Chief, Groundwater Discharge Permits Division** or be emailed to [mary.dewa@maryland.gov](mailto:mary.dewa@maryland.gov) and received on or before **5 p.m. on April 20, 2026**. The supporting information for the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Mrs. Onyemaechi at the above address or by telephone at (410) 537-3106 or 1-800-633-6101 to schedule an appointment. Copies of documents may be procured at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the public hearing by giving ten working days notice to Mrs. Onyemaechi at the address or telephone number listed above.

*This 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](mailto: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.*

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