

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

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Baltimore City

State Discharge Permit Application 25-DP-2119, NPDES Permit Application MD0060640:

Wheelabrator Baltimore, LP, 1801 Annapolis Road, Baltimore, MD 21230 submitted an application for renewal of a permit to discharge an average of approximately 46.1 million gallons of water per day of non-contact cooling water, less than 10,000 gallons per day of fish screen backwash, and variable volumes of stormwater from an energy-from-waste facility. The renewal application also includes reports required for compliance with Clean Water Act 316(b) regarding cooling water intake structures. The facility is located at 1801 Annapolis Road, Baltimore, MD 21230. It discharges to the Middle Branch Patapsco River and Gwynns Falls (both Use II waters).

The Department proposes to issue the permit with a limit on Outfall 001 of thermal discharge (10,000 MBTU/ day maximum). Monitoring without limitations is proposed for temperature of intake and effluent at the facility. The permit proposes an approval process for new water treatment additives and updated permit language related to fish rearing activities at the facility. The permit also proposes operational requirements for the cooling water intake structure. Additionally, the permit requires the permittee to maintain coverage under the Department's 20-SW general permit for industrial stormwater.

Per MD Environmental Article § 1-602(a)(2), an EJ score was calculated for this facility. The EJ Score is 92.80. 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://mde.maryland.gov/Environmental_Justice/Pages/MDEnviroScreen.aspx.

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 25DP2119, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.

Public Hearing

For communication purposes, we encourage all interested individuals to register via the virtual event link below.

A hybrid hearing has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 1, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The in-person hearing will be held at **Curtis Bay Recreation Center, 1630 Filbert Street, Baltimore, MD 21226.** The hearing will be held in conjunction with a public hearing regarding renewal of a federal air quality Title V - Part 70 Operating Permit for the same facility.

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 **+1 541-579-2835** and enter this **PIN: 419 578 626#**.

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.

People who wish to present information 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 October 6, 2026**. All comments will be considered in making a final determination. Comments received via any submission mechanism will 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.: Mr. Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division.** Written comments may also be emailed to jonathan.rice@maryland.gov. The supporting information for the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Rice at the above address or by telephone at (410) 537-3859 or 1-800-633-6101 to schedule an appointment. Copies of documents may be procured for \$0.36 per page.

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