

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Anne Arundel County

Application for State Discharge Permit 26DP3562:

Smithsonian Institution, 647 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, Maryland 21037 submitted an application to renew an existing permit to discharge a monthly average of 20,000 gallons per day of treated wastewater from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, 647 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, Maryland 21037 to groundwaters via absorption trenches.

Per MD Environmental Article § 1-602(a)(2), an EJ score was calculated for this facility. The EJ Score is 7.30. This score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: Pollution Burden 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 permit application may be downloaded from the Department's website at <https://mdewwp.page.link/wwportal>. At that webpage, search for State Number 26DP3562, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.

The Department will hold a public informational meeting to discuss the application for the above discharge permit on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026** at **5:30 p.m.** The informational meeting will be conducted **virtually** via **Google Meet**, with an option to listen only by phone. To participate online, you must register using the following link:

<https://mdewwp.page.link/PublicMeetings>. Alternatively, those who want to monitor the virtual informational meeting in listen-only mode can call **+1 754-702-3157** and enter this **PIN: 459 876 051#**. Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the informational meeting by giving ten working days' notice to Mrs. Onyemaechi at the address or phone number listed below.

Information regarding the permit application may be reviewed by appointment by contacting Mrs. Onyemaechi at (410) 537-3106 or 1-800-633-6101 or by written request 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**. Copies of documents may be procured at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

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