Public Notice



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION 1800 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

May 1, 2025

25-WQC-0011 / 202462002 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, c/o Alexis Kolarz, at 2 Hopkins Plaza Baltimore, MD 21201 has requested a Water Quality Certification (WQC) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the proposed modified reissuance of the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-6 (MDSPGP-6) as the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-7 (MDSPGP-7), for a five year period. The WQC application is for MDSPGP-7 activities that may result in a discharge of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States, including wetlands and navigable waters, within the State of Maryland except: Back Creek (of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal), east of a line extending from Welch Point to Courthouse Point to the Delaware line and to the Second Street Bridge to the south; Herring Creek east of the line extending from Welch Point to Courthouse Point to the dam that crosses Herring Creek; and Long Branch to the Boat Yard Road Bridge to the north, including jurisdictional wetlands adjacent and contiguous to these tidal waterways. The areas within Maryland waters identified above fall within the Philadelphia District's regulatory geographic boundaries. A federal consistency determination has also been requested in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) for this activity.

The WQC request, CZMA federal consistency determination, and supporting information, including the Department's public notice, is available on the Department's website at the following link:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/MDSPGP-7-Reissuanc e.aspx. Any project updates or decisions will be posted on this webpage.

A copy of the current version of the MDSPGP that expires on September 30, 2026 can be viewed on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers webpage at:

 $\frac{https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Portals/63/MDSPGP-6\%20Permit\%20Final\%20with\%20Appendicies\%2020210930.pdf}{}$

Arrangements may be made for inspection and copying of file materials. Interested parties may provide written comments on the requests or request an informational hearing. A request for a hearing must be in writing and include the following information: 1) Name, Address, and Telephone Number of the person making the request; 2) the identity of any other person(s) the requestor is representing; and 3) the specific issues proposed to be considered at the hearing related to water quality. Any person or party interested in commenting or requesting a hearing is requested to submit comments and requests to Alex Vazquez, Wetlands and Waterways Program, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 430, Baltimore, MD 21230, or email comments to alex.vazquez@maryland.gov or by phone at (410) 537-3541. Comments and/or a request for hearing must be received on or before **June 16th, 2025 at 5:00 PM**.