



Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program

AQCAC

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Maryland
Department of
the Environment

Proposed Regulations

- Proposing New Chapter 11.44 Maryland Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program under COMAR Title 26 Department of the Environment
- Chapter 01 Purpose
- Chapter 02 Applicability
- Chapter 03 Definitions
- Chapter 04 Incorporations by Reference
- Chapter 05 Fuel Delivery Reports
- Chapter 06 Record Keeping Requirements

What is the purpose of this program?

Establishing quarterly reporting requirements for heating fuel providers of the amount of heating fuel delivered for final sale or consumption in Maryland.

This reporting framework will improve upon data used to support the Department's triennial Statewide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory

This section of the Inventory relies entirely upon Federal data.

Data collected under this program will also inform future programs to meet the State's legal requirements to reduce statewide GHG emissions by 60% below 2006 levels by 2031 and achieve net-zero statewide GHG emissions by 2045.

Who are heating fuel providers?

Anyone delivering a heating fuel in Maryland, whether based in Maryland or not, e.g.:

- Natural Gas Utilities
 - Heating Oil Delivery Companies
 - Propane Delivery Companies
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MDE will create a simple registration form for providers.

Do I need to report? Any questions as to if a company must report will be handled via this registration process.

Stakeholder Engagement

9/16/24: Clean Heat Introduction to AQCAC

10/15/24: MDE Clean Heat Rules Updates and Stakeholder Preview with Gas Utilities

10/16/24: MDE Clean Heat Rules Updates and Stakeholder Preview with Heating Oil & Propane Distributors

11/12/24: Introduction to Clean Heat Rules to the public

11/21/24: Clean Heat Standard Reporting Requirements for Obligated Parties Webinar

Winter 2025: 1:1 meetings with heating fuel providers re: Clean Heat

5/15/25: Maryland Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program Webinar

Feedback Received

- Alignment with EIA-857 reporting on a monthly basis is appreciated, and encouraged to remain consistent
- Why quarterly vs. annual reporting?
- Delay between quarter and reporting is helpful for data verification and review
- County-level reporting is new and there are some confidentiality concerns
- Used motor oil and its treatment
- Requests for additional time for feedback

Regulatory Timeline

- Regulation development (since 2024)
- Stakeholder feedback (since Fall 2024)
- Formal regulatory adoption process starts with you, the Council
- The Regulations need to be published in the Maryland Register
 - A proposal, a public comment period, and a final
- Tentative adoption: by the end of 2025



What is a heating fuel?

Any material substance, whether solid, liquid, or gaseous, that can be used to supply heat to a building.

- Biofuel
- Biomethane
- Coal
- Hydrogen Fuel
- Kerosene
- Natural Gas
- Propane
- No. 1 Fuel Oil
- No. 2 Fuel Oil
- No. 4 Fuel Oil
- No. 5 Fuel Oil
- No. 6 Fuel Oil
- Other Fuel Oil
- Other (specify)

“Heating fuel” **excludes:**

- Diesel fuel
- Motor gasoline
- Wood and wood-derived fuels
- Solid waste

What's in a quarterly fuel delivery report?

Monthly heating fuel delivery information aggregated by fuel type,

- Split by Maryland county where it was delivered to:
 - Split by sector receiving the heating fuel:
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Electric power
 - Other Energy Consuming Sectors (specify)

E.g. Company A delivered 100,000 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil to Baltimore County homes (residential sector) and 200,000 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil to Baltimore County commercial businesses (commercial sector) for the month of February.

When are reports due?

June 1, 2026 - First reports due.

Q1: January, February, March: due June 1

Q2: April, May, June: due September 1

Q3: July, August, September: due December 1

Q4: October, November, December: due March 1



Recordkeeping Requirements

Heating fuel providers will need to keep all records, including reports and any other related documents, for at least five years. During that time, the Maryland Department of the Environment may request to see these records.

What Comes Next?


- Fall 2025: Regulatory proceedings
 - Notice of proposed action
 - Public comment period
 - Public hearing
- End of 2025: Targeted final adoption of heating fuel reporting rule
- June 1, 2026: First quarterly report due under heating fuel reporting rule
 - Covers January - March 2026
- 2027: Clean Heat Standard regulation targeted to go into effect
- 2028: 2026 GHG inventory is released, informed by reported data

Discussion

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