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the Environment

# Review of 2025 Actions



December 8, 2025 AQCAC Meeting  
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## 26.11.44 Maryland Heating Fuel Reporting Program

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- New Chapter 26.11.44 to establish annual 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 action was presented to AQCAC on June 16, 2025
- On track to be published in the Maryland Register on December 12 and final effective December 22, 2025



## 26.11.43 – Advanced Clean Trucks

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- Amendments to 26.11.43 – Advanced Clean Trucks to adjust language which clarifies compliance determinations and sales reporting requirements for vehicle manufacturers and add an additional certification pathway for medium-duty zero-emission vehicles
- This action was presented to AQCAC on June 16, 2025
- On track to be published in the Maryland Register on December 12 and final effective December 22, 2025



## 26.09 – Maryland CO2 Budget Trading Program

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- The purpose of this action is to revise COMAR 26.09 - Maryland CO2 Budget Trading Program to incorporate amendments to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Model Rule
- This was presented to AQCAC on September 15, 2025
- This action was published in the Maryland Register on December 1, 2025
- A public hearing will be held on January 6, 2026
- MDE ARA is aiming to have this action final by Spring 2026



# MDE Fee Amendments

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- Amendments to COMAR 26.11.02.19 – Permits, Approvals, and Registration & COMAR 26.28.02.02 – Benchmarking and Reporting
  - MDE proposed an increase to the emissions-based rate fee for the Air and Radiation Administration's Operating Permits and to remove an expired maximum \$500,000 annual cap on permit to operate fees for any source as well as add an annual reporting fee under the Subtitle Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS)
- This action was presented to AQCAC on September 15, 2025
- This action was published in the Maryland Register on December 1, 2025 and a public hearing will be held on January 5, 2026
- MDE ARA is aiming to have this action final by Spring 2026



## 26.11.20.02 – Motor Vehicle Emission Control Devices

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- Amendments to COMAR 26.11.20.02 – Motor Vehicle Emission Control Devices to repeal record-keeping requirements for vehicle dealers or other businesses regarding vehicle emissions inspections
- This action was presented to AQCAC on September 15, 2025
- This action will be published in the Maryland Register on December 26, 2025
- A public hearing will be held on January 28, 2026
- MDE is aiming to have this action final by Spring 2026





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# Actions to Come in 2026





## First Half of 2026

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- Low Permeation Hoses and Enhanced Conventional Nozzles at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities
- Consumer Products – Updates to include Regional Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) Phase V model rule





## Second Half of 2026

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- Advanced Clean Cars I – Amendments to align with CARB's recent emergency regulation that extends the criteria emission certification and OBD requirements of ACC I past MY2025
- Clean Heat Standard - New regulation for a market-based performance standard on heating fuel providers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector
- Zero Emission Heating Equipment Standard – Transitioning heating equipment from oil, gas, and propane to electric equipment
- Municipal Waste Combustor – Updated NOx RACT standards