

MDE Fee Amendments

- On May 13, 2025, <u>Senate Bill 250</u> or the Department of the Environment Fees, Penalties, Funding, and Regulation Act, was enacted which requires an increase of the emissions-based fee from not exceeding \$50 per ton to not exceeding \$200 per ton and removing a \$2M cap on carrying over unused funds in the Clean Air Fund at the end of each fiscal year. The emissions-based fee rate may be adjusted in the future to reflect changes to the consumer price index.
- On May 25, 2025, House Bill 49 was enacted and requires MDE to update COMAR 26.28 to include a \$100 annual reporting fee for each building subject to BEPS. This fee is indexed to the consumer price index and as such adjusted for inflation each year. The fee covers the administrative costs of implementing the BEPS program.