COMAR 26.11.02.17 Fee Schedule: Permit to Construct

AQCAC meeting – June 6, 2016
Background

• This action is part of the Governor’s regulatory initiative to reduce fees for Maryland taxpayers and small businesses.

• The total reduction or elimination of 155 fees across State agencies will save Marylanders $12 million a year for a total of $60 million over five years.

• These fee reductions and eliminations are in addition to $50 million in fees that State agencies reduced last year, as well as, $270 million in toll reductions.
Sources Affected

• The purpose of this action is to reduce the permit to construct fees under COMAR 26.11.02.17 for the following sources:

  ❖ Charbroilers and pit barbecues

  ❖ Small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr
General Permit to Construct: Charbroilers and Pit Barbecues

- The permit applies to any person who owns, constructs, installs or operates a non-residential charbroiler or pit barbecue with a total cooking area that is greater than 5 square feet.

- The one-time permit fee is currently $200 per unit and this regulatory action will reduce the fee to $100.

- The Department averages 50 permits a year in this category. This will result in annual savings for Maryland taxpayers and businesses of $5,100.
General Permit to Construct: Small Fuel Burning Equipment

- The permit applies to any person who owns, constructs, installs or operates small fuel burning equipment with a rated heat input capacity of less than 10 MMBtu/hr

- Fuel burning equipment is any boiler that has the primary function of producing hot air, hot water, or steam through indirect heat transfer from the burning of fuels

- This primarily affects small businesses and small schools and institutions. The one-time permit fee is currently $500 per unit and this regulatory action will reduce the fee to $400

- The Department averages 90 permits a year in this category. This will result in annual average savings for Maryland taxpayers and businesses of $9,100
MDE Budget Review

The Department is working on a strategic plan to address budget reductions while ensuring continued implementation of Clean Air Act programs over the next 10 years.
Questions and Discussion