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LAND MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Tentative Determination and Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing

Fact sheets and the draft permits may be viewed via MDE's website at:

http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Land/OilControl/FactSheetsPublications/Pages/Programs/LandPrograms/Oil_Control/FactsheetsPublications/index.aspx

In accordance with §1-604 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, notice is given that the Land Management Administration has made Tentative Determination to reissue the following State and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Discharge Permits: MDG34 for the Discharges of Storm Water and Hydrostatic Test Water From Oil Terminals, and MDG91 for the Discharges of Treated Ground Water from Oil Contaminated Ground Water Sources. Similar permits have been authorized for these discharge classes on a 5 year cycle since 1997.

Upon written request, the Department will schedule a Public Hearing at the Maryland Department of the Environment located at 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore MD 21230. Written requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted to the Department by the close of business on January 17, 2013. Written comments on the Tentative Determination and draft permits will be accepted until the close of business on January 28, 2013. Requests and comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Horacio Tablada, Director
Land Management Administration
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington, Boulevard, Suite 620
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General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water and Hydrostatic Test Water From Oil Terminals (MDG34). This permit authorizes the discharge of storm water from storage tank diked and loading rack areas and hydrostatic test water to surface or ground waters of the State from petroleum terminals having less than 5,000,000 gallons storage of oil. This permit sets numerical limits on the concentration of the petroleum product contamination following treatment of the storm water or hydrostatic test water.

General Permit for Discharges of Treated Ground Water from Oil Contaminated Ground Water Sources (MDG91). This permit authorizes the discharges of treated ground water previously contaminated by petroleum products as the result of leaks or spills. This permit sets numerical limits on the effluent concentration of the petroleum product contamination following treatment of the contaminated ground water.

Both federal (40 CFR 122) and State (COMAR 26.08.04) regulations require discharge permits for these activities. Specifically, State regulations require that discharges of any wastes or wastewater to surface or ground water, regardless of volume, be authorized by a discharge permit. Federal regulations address discharges to surface waters only, requiring a permit for the discharge of pollutants. The limits for these permits are based on what has been demonstrated to be technologically achievable. Self-monitoring is required to verify compliance. The permits also require testing to verify that the discharges with a specified volume and duration be tested to verify that the effluent is not toxic to aquatic life, and if toxicity is present, the permit requires its elimination. This is a requirement of the federal Clean Water Act. This permit also sets operational requirements, such as inspection routines.

Permit Fact Sheets, Draft Permits, and other information relating to the Department's Tentative Determination may be reviewed at the Department's offices at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 620, Baltimore, Maryland 21230, by appointment. Copies of these documents may be obtained at a reasonable charge.

For further information regarding this Notice; to schedule an appointment to review documentation; or to request an interpreter; please contact Mr. Thomas Yoo, Oil Control Program Regulatory and Compliance Engineer, at (410) 537-3403.