

## 2.09 OIL CONTROL PROGRAM GENERAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

- ❑ *Question: Am I doing work at an oil-contaminated site that requires the treatment of groundwater? AND do I plan to discharge potentially oil-contaminated groundwater to the surface or ground waters of the state? OR*
- ❑ *Question: Do I have an oil terminal, not receiving oil by pipeline or marine transfer, that discharges storm water or hydrostatic test water to surface or ground waters of the state?*

### Why do I need this approval?

The general permits for wastewater discharges from oil related activities increase the efficiency of the Department's permitting process through the issuance of generic permits to categories of business activities which are generally very similar in their wastewater characteristics. General permits with standardized permit conditions have been established for:

- Storm-water and hydrostatic test water from oil terminals. Oil terminals with 5 million gallons or less of total storage capacity and do not receive oil by pipeline or marine transfer capabilities must apply.
- Treated groundwater from oil contaminated groundwater sources. To qualify, chemical contaminants other than oil must not be present. The general permits are for ground or surface water discharges. If the discharge is to a sanitary sewer system, this permit is not required, but contact the local authorities to find out if there are any additional requirements.

### What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

FEDERAL: Federal Clean Water Act  
STATE: Environment Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3;  
COMAR 26.08.01 - .04 and COMAR 26.08.08.

### What is the process to get this approval?

1) Complete a Notice of Intent (NOI) form.  
2) Mail the completed NOI form to:  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
LMA/Oil Control Program  
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 620  
Baltimore MD 21230-1720  
FAX: (410) 537-3092

3) Mail fee to:  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
P.O. Box 1417  
Baltimore MD 21203-1417

4) The Oil Control Program reviews the submitted NOI to ensure that the proposed discharge can be covered by a general permit.

5) The Department issues approval (or denies the NOI) and will notify the applicant in writing of the coverage and requirements under the general permit, if approval issued.

### Is this approval directly related or contingent on other approvals?

No.

### Are there any other requirements?

Oil terminals with greater than 5 million gallons total storage capacity and who receive oil by marine or pipeline transfer must apply for an individual permit (2.10 or 2.11).

Local government or State Highway Administration approval may also be required; verify before you submit NOI (notice of intent).

Post-approval: Must meet all effluent limits, monitoring requirements and other permit conditions.

### How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days

### Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Maximum of five years

### How much will this approval cost?

\$120 paid once

### Who do I contact with additional questions?

AST and Permits Section

Oil Control Program  
(410) 537-3442

Related link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/Pages/landpermits.aspx>