

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

General Permit for Discharges from Boat and Vessel Maintenance

General Discharge Permit No. 10MA (NPDES No. MDG99) applies to discharges from establishments in Maryland that repair, clean or maintain aquatic vessels and equipment or allow for similar service to be rendered on their property and is necessary to meet federal requirements and to protect water quality. The Department proposes to reissue State/NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) General Permit for Discharges from Boat and Vessel Maintenance for the next five years. The proposed permit will replace the previous permit issued in January 2002 which relied primarily on Best Management Practices. The renewal permit includes limitations on wastewater from cleaning of boat bottoms painted with antifouling paints discharging to surface water. The permit also prohibits in-water cleaning of boat bottoms painted with soft ablative paint.

The proposed permit requires monitoring and limitations for total suspended solids (50 mg/L maximum), oil and grease (15 mg/L maximum), copper (0.06 mg/L maximum), lead (0.08 mg/L maximum) and zinc (0.81 mg/L maximum). These parameters are to be monitored beginning in the second year of the permit and all discharges must meet these limits by the end of the fourth year in accordance with the schedule specified in the permit.

The permit specifies eligibility requirements for permit coverage. Like the previous permit, the proposed permit requires the implementation of a storm water pollution prevention plan which incorporates best management practices to minimize the exposure of storm water entering and leaving the property to any sources of pollutants. The proposed permit includes an additional requirement for submission of an electronic copy of the current storm water pollution prevention plan with the application (i.e. notice of intent for permit coverage). The permit also requires quarterly storm water visual inspections and record keeping requirements.

The Department will hold a public hearing concerning the tentative determination on Wednesday, **September 29, 2010 at 11 am** in the Terra Conference Room at MDE, 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Any hearing impaired person may request an interpreter at the hearing by contacting Tyrone Hill, Office of Fair Practices at (410) 537-3964 at least ten working days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TTY users should contact the Maryland Relay Service at 1 800 201-7165.

The draft permit is available on MDE's website at http://www.mde.maryland.gov/Permits/WaterManagementPermits/water_applications/marinas.asp. Any questions regarding this tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet should be directed to Shannon McDonald or Patsy Allen at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, at smcdonald@mde.state.md.us or pallen@mde.state.md.us, by telephone at 410-537-3599 between the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the document may be obtained at a cost of \$ 0.36 per page.

Written comments concerning the tentative determination will also be considered in the preparation of a final determination if received by Shannon McDonald at the above address, on or before Tuesday, **October 5, 2010**.